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From a suite at the Citizen Hotel, visitors can see a breath-taking view of the downtown Sacramento lights and building rooftops with the Capitol in the background.

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"(The students) are going to do research in ways that will mimic the writing intensive courses."

Fiona Glade, coordinator for the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Program

Changes for WEP

Next fall students will be able to take a class instead of WEP test.

By Catherine Robledo
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Students who have felt pressured by time constraints when taking the Writing Proficiency Exam will now have two options to fulfill the writing graduation requirement next fall.

Starting fall 2009, the WPE will no longer be used to meet the Graduation Writing Assessment requirement, according to the Graduation Writing Assessment Program. The WEP is a timed English writing exam.

In place of the WEP, students will have two choices: take an English 109 course or the Writing Placement for Juniors exam, a two-hour test in which students will write two essays.

Students were previously able to retake the WPE twice. Now, if a student does not pass the WPJ the first time, he or she will be placed into a course based on his or her test score.

Students who have completed 60 to 74 units and have passed English 20, a second-semester English composition course, can take the first step to receive a Graduation Writing Assessment Placement by either enrolling in English 109W or English 109M; a class for students whose first language is not English.

Fiona Glade, coordinator for the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement Program, said the English 109 course is a portfolio-based class that will allow students to have essay work evaluated by a professor, and receive feedback and a Graduation Writing Assessment Placement number at the end of the semester. The score will place the student in a course or courses that will fulfill the program's requirements.

Students who take the WPJ will receive another score that will assess whether they can enroll in a writing intensive course or additional English classes.

According to the General Education Writing Requirement, students may be placed in a three-unit upper-division writing intensive course, take an upper-division writing course and an English 109 course in the same semester.

They can also obtain six units by taking an English 109 course, and then a writing intensive course the following semester.

For the English 109 class, Glade said the professors and other faculty members will get together and read student portfolios to give second opinions on where the student should be placed.

"(The students) are going to do research in ways that will mimic the writing intensive courses," Glade said.

She said the Faculty Senate met up and discussed the Graduation Writing Assessment Requirement with the Reading and Writing Committee and created a proposal to implement the

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Some seniors take longer than 4 years

By Michael Mette
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It's now commonplace for college students to take longer than four years to graduate. These students are known as super seniors.

According to Sacramento State Office of Institutional Research graduation reports, out of the 2,341 first-time freshmen enrolled to the university in fall 2004, only 244 students graduated within four years.

Edward Mills, associate vice president for Student Affairs, said national averages for college graduation rates over a decade have shown students are taking longer than four years to graduate.

The graduation reports also show taking more than four years to graduate is not a new phenomenon at Sacramento State.

For first-time freshmen enrolled at the university between fall 1989 and fall 2003, on average, only 8 percent graduated within four years.

"Some people might see this as an issue, but I don't," Mills said. "People have complex lives. The whole point is to graduate, and as long as they graduate, they are fine."

Senior kinesiology major Patreicia Musgrove plans on graduating next spring. It will be her sixth year at Sac State.

Not seeing a counselor as a freshman - which she admits is completely her fault - holding two jobs, participating in club volleyball and her major's difficulty level were all factors in extending her college career.

"I do wish that I would have finished sooner," Musgrove said. "But life happens. In my mind, I know some people don't finish. So I'm happy with finishing, no matter how long it takes."

Senior Spanish major Isabel Landin is completing her fifth year of college, including her time at Woodland Community College, and plans on graduating next fall.

"You get to the point where you're fed up and you just want to finish,"

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President-elect Torres on journey to success

By Julia Baum
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Even when Roberto Torres talks about his personal life, somehow the conversation finds its way back to work.

It's an characteristic that's paid off, though. The government and communication studies double-major was elected the new Associated Students, Inc., president just last week, and has since been busy preparing to represent Sacramento students next fall. Torres wanted the opportunity to be directly involved in the community, both on campus and beyond, ever since he moved to Sacramento in 2006.

Helping his community is nothing new to Torres. During his high school years, a teacher encouraged him to join the Richmond Youth Commission. Torres worked closely with the mayor in Richmond, his hometown, to fight youth crime and drug violence. He thus saw firsthand the change he could make in his community.

One of the mayor's first projects was creating a safe haven for adolescents seeking afterschool alternatives to drugs and gang activity. The youth commission also held an anti-violence conference in which Torres created an open dialogue among the city's youth about



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ASI President-elect Roberto Torres posed for a photo in the Library Quad on Thursday.

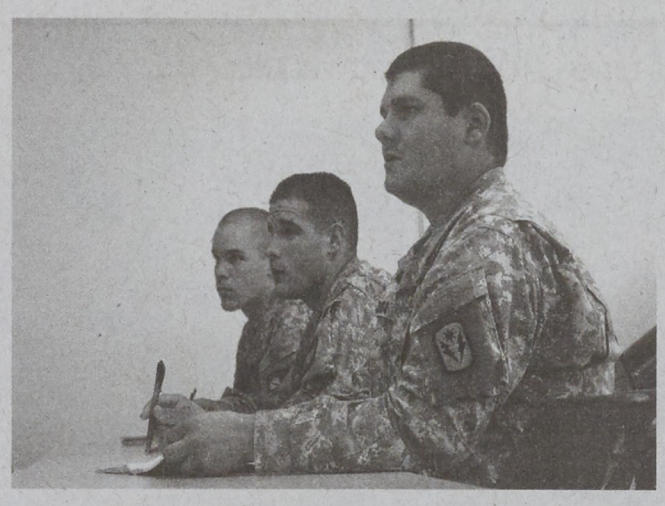
how to end violence as a community.

Torres spent his summer vacations doing community service with his best friend whom he met in high school, Giovanni Escobar. Escobar described Torres as

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$1,000 to support, aid local veterans

By Crystal Kirk
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Shannon Schureman State Hornet

Three sophomore ROTC students, Pfc. De Rosa and cadets Hoggle and Newell, take notes during a lecture on leadership Monday afternoon in the Academic Information Resource Center.

Veterans attending Sacramento State next fall will be able to receive more financial aid. The Veterans Affairs Office is now offering a $1,000 "Troops to College" scholarship.

The scholarship was created to help veterans pay for books and other expenses that go along with attending college. Weston said that the G.I. bill does not cover all of the expenses these students have.

The new scholarship is part of the Troops to College program on campus, which offers assistance to all student veterans. It was funded by donations from private individuals and local businesses, including Safe Credit Union.

Program coordinator Jeff Weston said the office hopes to be able to offer this scholarship continually by fundraising locally every year. So far $150,000 has been raised for the scholarship fund this year.

"We don't know how many applicants we are going to select yet," Weston said. "I want to see how many applications we get and make a decision based on that."

The applicants need to have proof of military service and write an essay explaining their financial need.

This scholarship funding is independent of the Troops to College program at Sac State since local businesses and individuals donated the money. The Troops to College program was created by the state Legislature and is run statewide in all California State University campuses. The State this program is designed to ease the transition from being an active duty soldier to a student.

The Montgomery G.I. Bill is the traditional benefit that many veterans have received in the past while attending college. The military is now offering the post-9/11 G.I. Bill that has added benefits for veterans.

"This program is so much better," said Janea Donaldson, junior business administration major and Air Force veteran. "Instead of paying all of my tuition and fees upfront and waiting to get reimbursed, all of my fees will be paid for me directly."

Donaldson said for students with families this is an added perk because it can be hard to come up with all of that money and wait to get paid back.

"The goal is to increase awareness on campus," Weston said. "The office has moved to a much more student friendly location."

The Veterans Affairs Office, formerly housed in Admissions and Records, is now located on the third floor of Lassen Hall.

Eligible veterans can apply for this scholarship until June 23.

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Correction

In the article, "Earth Day features art, 'green lifestyle'" the big green ball of yarn that encouraged people to live green was called the "Green String." The co-sponsors of the event were Associated Students Inc. and the Environmental student organization.

The State Hornet apologizes for the error.
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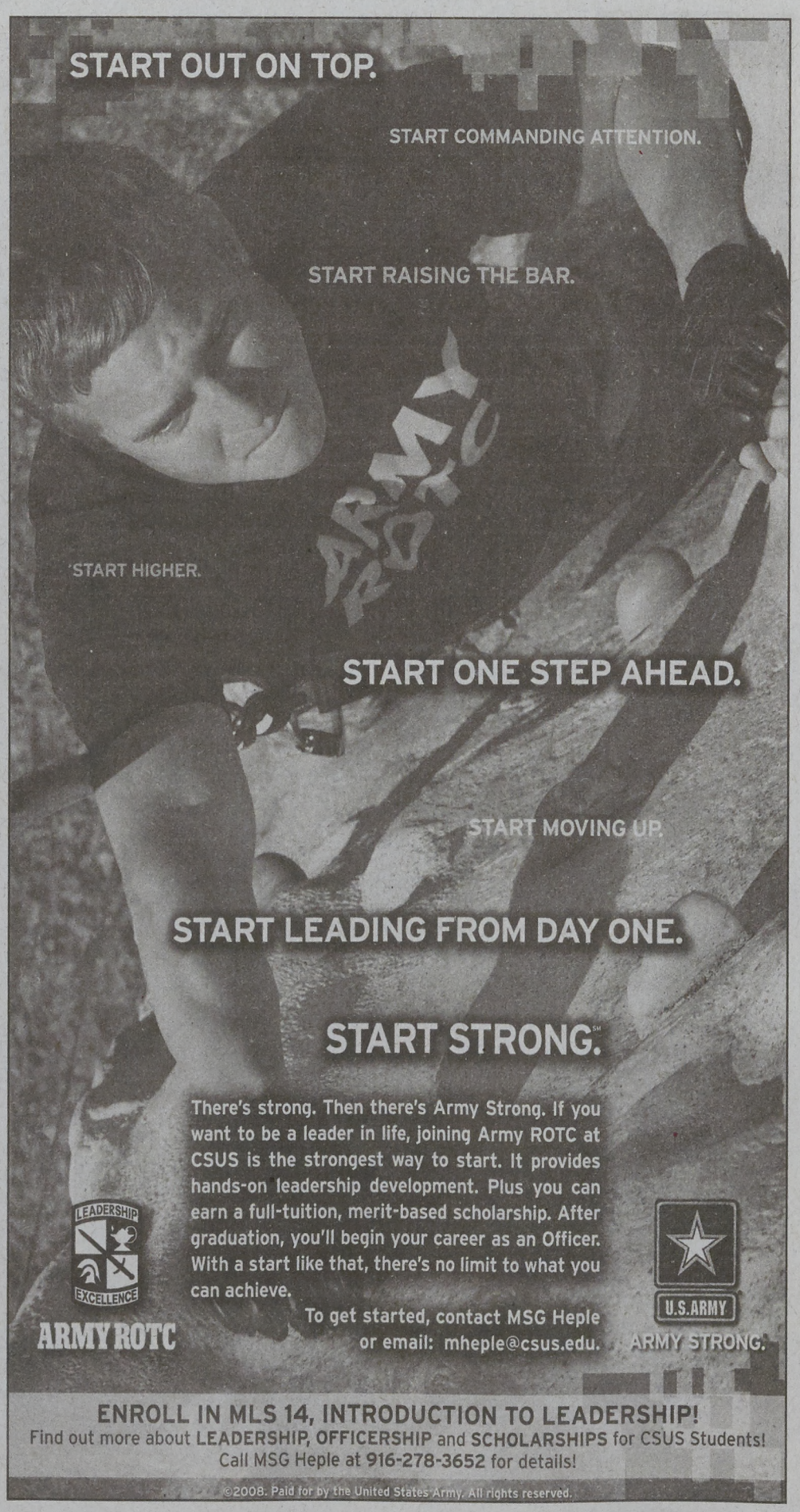
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WEP: Class will act as an alternative to traditional English exam

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change for the fall.

Glade said the passing percentage rate of the WPE stayed between 70 and 75 percent over the years.

"It felt more like a barrier to graduate. We thought it would be better to have a class students would want to be in," Glade said.

Isabel Landin, senior Spanish major, said she wasn't ready for her WPE and wasn't able to pass it.

"Since English is my second language, it's a little bit harder," Landin said.

Beverly Reed, Writing Programs Administrative coordinator, said the program has done something new by sending students who had 60 units messages on his or her MySacState account to remind them to take the WPJ.

Reed said there may have been a slight increase in complaints about the exam's level of difficulty, but there had always been complaints about the exam.

She said 80 percent of students who take an English 109W and a writing intensive course the following semester pass the writing intensive course.

Glade said during the pilot course, 85 percent of 36 students who took an English 109W class and a writing intensive course in the same semester, passed in the fall 2008 semester.

"Based on my research, I'd say that it's because those students received help with their writing at just the right time; they worked in small, collaborative groups with trained tutors to become more aware of their own writing processes and to revise their writing based on feedback," Glade said.

Glade said the program will lose money because students will choose to take the class and not pay the $25 fee for the WPJ that is used to hire faculty to grade the exam.

Jenna Seehafer, English 20 professor, said the English 109W or English 109M class is a better option for students who live in dread of writing under time pressure, or who do not feel comfortable writing or reading.

Seehafer said there have been changes to the English 20 curriculum, such as students investigating differences between the kinds of thinking, analysis, and arguments expected in various majors.

Seehafer said most students who pass English 20 with a good grade are now able to pass the WPJ.

Melissa Soto, junior criminal justice major, said English 20 helped her pass the WPE because she had timed writing assignments in class that focused on one topic, which was similar to the WPE.

"I do think the WPE is fair because they let teachers that understand multilingual students writing read their essays," Soto said.

Glade said students may keep taking the timed exam because it only costs $25 and a class is more expensive and takes more time.

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GWAR Placement Numbers

For fall 2009 students can choose to take the WPJ exam or a class. They will then receive a placement score on their MySacState account that will tell them the next requirements to fulfill.

80 - Take and pass a Writing Intensive (WI) course: 3 units

70 - Take and pass a Writing Intensive course concurrently with ENGL109X: 4 units

71 -Take and pass a Writing Intensive course concurrently with ENGL109X multilingual section: 4 units

60 - Take and pass a Writing Intensive course after completing ENGL109W with a C or better: 6 units

Seniors: Economy, planning are reasons for delayed graduation

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Landin said. "I get so tired, but I also know that I will be done soon."

Communication Studies Department Chair Nick Burnett said another reason seniors extend their college stay is because often transfer students come in without knowledge of the university.

"Lots of students transfer and think they can graduate in two years taking only 12 units a semester," Burnett said. "They are in for a big surprise."

He said transfer students aren't informed on what is needed to graduate in two years, like taking 15 units each semester.

He thinks a mandatory transfer orientation might be the answer.

"There is no better way to introduce students to the university than orientations," Burnett said. "I understand why they make freshmen orientation mandatory."

He said the economy has also been a big reason why students are holding off on graduating.

"The job market doesn't seem to be very welcoming right now," Burnett said. "Folks who would be retiring aren't. The jobs they would be leaving are the ones our students would be taking, but that's not happening."

Musgrove agrees with Burnett's assessment of the economic climate.

"Graduates are competing with people who have way more work experience," Musgrove said. "I feel like it's not a good time to graduate at all."

Along with her major course work, Musgrove works at the Hornet Bookstore and is a high school volleyball referee.

Even without her jobs, she doubts if she would be able to finish her degree in four years.

"I wouldn't have a life if I finished my major in four years," Musgrove said. "I know friends who say their classes are easy, but they aren't taking five-unit science labs. I have to put a lot of work into my classes."

Landin has held two jobs while attending school, teaching assistant for the Woodland School District and a sales representative for Gottschalks. She said it hasn't been easy for her, either.

"I have thought about quitting school a number of times; it's just so expensive," Landin said. "I don't know how I do it, but I look at my bills every month and make school work."

She said she receives some financial help from her parents and her fiancé. Without such assistance, Landin said she might have to leave school.

But her outlook isn't as dim as it seems; Landin said she is excited to be so close to graduating.

"It has been a long time but I have learned a whole lot," Landin said. "If you want to accomplish something and if you believe in yourself, you can do it."

Musgrove holds the same sentiment. She said her parents never finished college. She is happy to be the first in her family to graduate from college.

"In the future, my kids will definitely learn better and know that no matter how long it takes, they should finish their degree," Musgrove said.

When Mills was first looking into pursuing his doctorate, he realized he would be 50 when he finally earned his degree. He said he was a little disheartened by the idea.

Mills said his sister told him something that enlightened him and encouraged him to continue with his PhD goal.

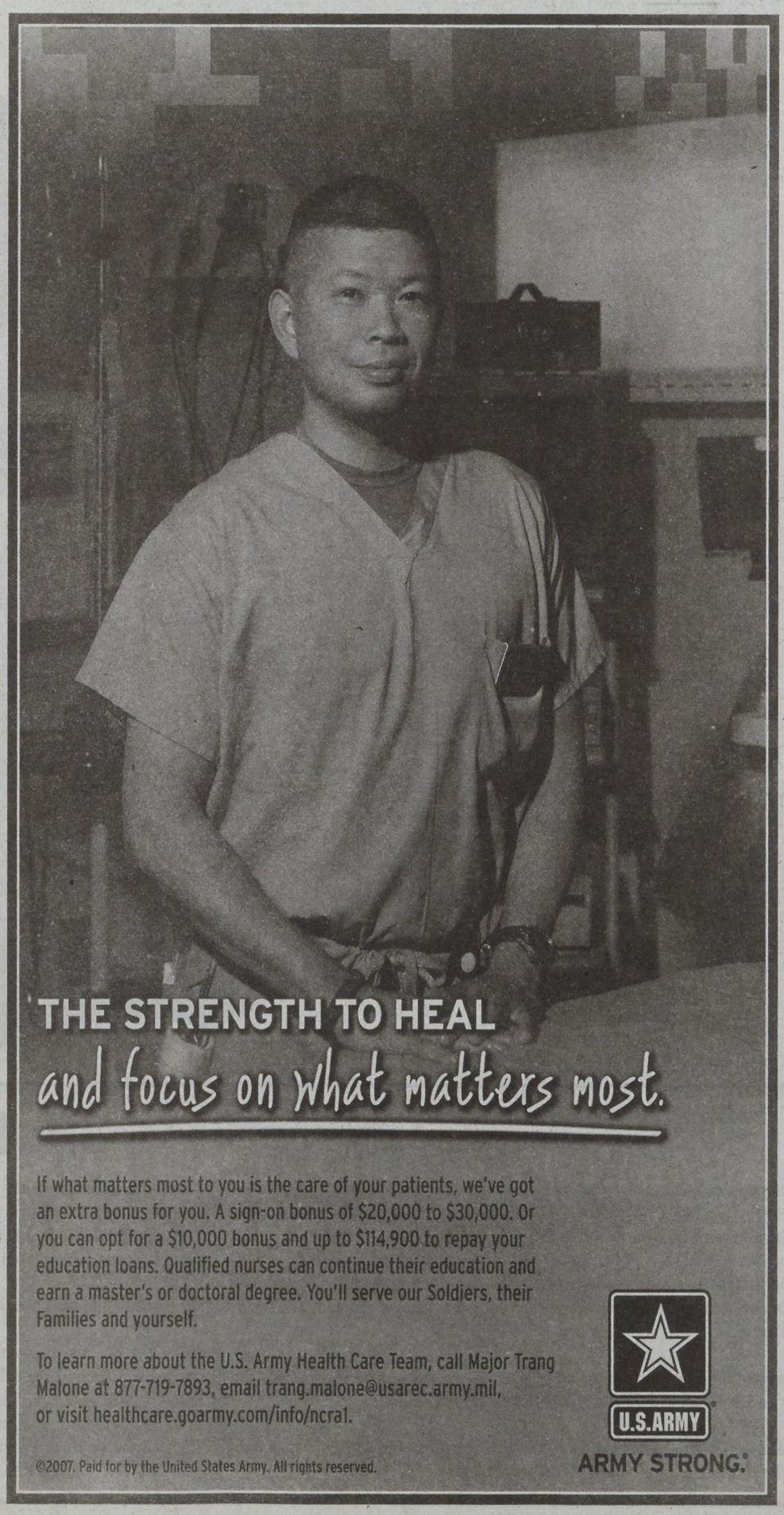
"She told me, 'You're going to be 50 anyway,'" Mills said. "I realized then that as long as you're working toward your goal - no matter how people may perceive it, you will be successful."

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More students are now not graduating in four years because of the economy, personal lives and not receiving timely advising.



Samuel Merritt University...It's a Family Tradition



Frances Brown was not surprised when her 10 year old great-granddaughter announced she wants to study nursing at Samuel Merritt. Francis graduated in 1937 followed by two daughters (Nancy in 1960 and Elizabeth in 1961). Elizabeth's daughter Donna (Emily's mom) graduated in 1983. Frances is delighted with Emily's plans. After all, it's in her blood.

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Hornet Messages

Members of The State Hornet, past and present, share their experiences, hopes for future Hornet success.

"For most, The State Hornet is little more than a campus newspaper; for me, it's more than that. The Hornet has allowed me to see what journalism is really like in the real world. It's also been my home away from home since the day I started as a freshman writer. Day after day, I've seen students working to put out the best product possible while balancing work, school, extracurricular activities and, on rare occasions, a social life.

It wasn't always easy - but even when my eyes would hurt from staring at computer screens until 5 a.m., trying to put the paper to bed, I never regretted one second of it. I am forever grateful for my three years at the Hornet: I learned how to be a better writer, a better editor and a better person. But what I will cherish the most is the second family I gained here. To all current and future State Hornet staff members, thank you for all you do and best of luck in the future!"

Ashley Evans, 2008-09 editor-in-chief

"I came to The State Hornet as a timid would-be reporter, unsure of what writing for a student newspaper would be like - but I left it as a confident, proud journalist, happy and grateful for the year I spent there. The Hornet prepared me to be a journalist better than years of classes could have, and I was privileged to work alongside some of the most creative, wacky and dedicated people I've ever known.

I will never forget the newsroom I spent so many hours in, or the many friends I made there. Most students will never know the incredible amount of work that goes into every issue of the newspaper, but I am satisfied to know that the staff puts its heart and soul into every single printed word. Consider yourselves lucky, readers - you're in very good hands."

Fernando Gallo, spring 2008 online sports editor

"Wild and wonderful were the Hornet days back in 1951-52; before Sacramento State College moved East with West and the new campus. The Hornet staff shared facilities in a former shoe repair shop with Statesmen staffers, student association officers and Dr. Clyde Parker, journalism professor. Dr. Parker urged me to take his classes after I began writing a campus column for The Sacramento Union. He was the one who encouraged me to apply for a job at The Modesto Bee. Without his guidance, I may not have become a newspaperman - yes, that is the right term. After three years in Modesto, I joined The Sacramento Union and was there until closing day January 14, 1994."

Gloria Glyer, 1951-52 editor in chief

"For a one-time journalist, advising The State Hornet meant being back in the newsroom again - something I did not realize that I had missed. The Hornet provides journalism students a great opportunity to put to work the skills they are learning in the classroom, but more importantly, the newspaper serves a vital role in keeping the campus informed and helping to hold power accountable. As a teacher, it was exciting to see students embrace this role and grow as journalists while working at the Hornet. I wish it much success as it adapts to changing media environment!"

Mark Ludwig, former adviser

"It's an amazing thing. The State Hornet is simply a group of students. Together, these students come together to deliver a polished publication to the masses at Sacramento State. These students are trusted to embody objectivity, ethics and a flair for storytelling. It's not an easy task. Still, year after year, The Hornet consistently thrives as the voice of the campus."

James Spencer, 2004-05 editor in chief

"Driving home from campus at 3 a.m. week after week must be a student journalist thing. I get it. The other members of The State Hornet - my family - they get it. And any professional journalist who worked for a student paper - he or she will get it. We've all shared the exhausting workload, the frustration, the late nights and the exhilaration of breaking a story. The Hornet is a window into the professional world of journalism - an experience that cannot be replicated in any classroom."

Cody Kitaura, 2007-08 online managing editor

"My second semester on The State Hornet staff, I was asked to write an obituary. It was for a young woman who had previously been a member of The State Hornet family. It wasn't until I began this assignment that I saw the complete love and loyalty of this family. Seeing - and hearing - the pain they felt from losing one of their own made me truly appreciate the chance I had to be a student journalist. I hope students will have the opportunity to experience what this family can add to your life for 60 years to come."

Amanda Pollard, spring 2009 print features editor

"Since I started as a news reporter for The State Hornet, and in my roles as both news and opinion editor, I have had the opportunity to delve into what it means to be a part of the Sacramento State community. I have interviewed a wide variety of Hornets, from first-time freshmen, faculty, facilities workers to the university provost and president. During my time at the Hornet, I have developed a deep love for Sac State and all it has to offer. Despite the myriad of problems our university faces, there are a lot of things to celebrate and be proud of. The Hornet is just one example. Almost from the time of the university's inception, the Hornet has been the voice of Sac State.

As I prepare to lead the Hornet into its seventh decade of publication, I hope to continue the tradition of producing a high-quality student-run newspaper. I know when my tenure with the Hornet ends, I will look back at my time here, hold my head high and proudly say, 'Yeah, I was a part of that.'"

Todd Wilson, incoming editor-in-chief

A Message from the President

Congratulations to the students, faculty, staff and others who have made The State Hornet so successful for 60 years.

The legacy you have built has brought a great deal of pride to our university. As a valued resource for information and analysis, a tremendous educational tool for our students and an enduring hallmark of Sacramento State, the Hornet has served our campus with distinction.

I have enjoyed seeing the improvements and innovations the paper has made during my time at Sac State (I'll never forget the first time a student reporter showed up with a video camera to interview me). The students' skill in reporting and writing and the overall commitment to excellence in journalism is truly impressive.

Readers across the campus community tell me that accuracy, balance and fairness are stronger than ever. Right along with this reputation is a business side to the paper that is growing as well.

Over the years, the Hornet has asked me some tough questions, but I appreciate the opportunity to help tell the university's story. When I see Hornet staffers at campus events, I am reassured that everyone will be able to read about the tremendous work being done by everyone at Sac State. It also has been a pleasure to meet with the editorial board, and the paper's website is on my daily must-read list.

The continuous improvement shows me there is a wonderful passion for journalism at Sac State. Every year, a different editor takes the reins and embraces the task of maintaining continuity while making his or her own mark. It's one of our university's best tests of leadership, and watching first-year reporters grow into editors is a rewarding aspect of my job.

Especially in light of the struggles faced by the news media across the nation, I applaud the devotion of the students who seek to pursue journalism as a career. A free, impartial press is more important than ever.

Though we don't know what form the industry will take, I believe that educated, innovative journalists will always be in demand. The communication skills taught in our journalism program apply across all disciplines. And hearing the student reporters' stories about what brought them to Sac State and the dreams they hope to achieve gives me the utmost confidence that the future of journalism is being shaped right now, right here at Sac State.

Many chapters of the university story remain to be told, and I am confident that the Hornet will continue to provide the news and analysis our campus has come to expect.

Thank you for your contributions to Sac State and its students. I wish you many more years of success.

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Alexander Gonzalez, Sacramento State president


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A Look

1947: Guy West became the first president of Sacramento State during this year when it opened at Sacramento City College. The pedestrian bridge was named in his honor.

Sac State's colors were established – green for the foothills and trees and gold for discovery. Herky was also chosen as the university's mascot.

1949: The first print edition of The State Hornet is published as a four-page mimeograph.

1957: Student-government elections were canceled after the Hornet documented ineligible student voting.

1967: Martin Luther King Jr. visited the campus to deliver a speech before approximately 7,000 people at what is now known as the Alex Spanos Sports Complex.

1972: Sac State became its own university.

1974: Hornet staff members published a blank newspaper to demonstrate a protest of what they believed to be confusing and absurd budget hearings regarding the future of the newspaper.

1978: Associated Students Inc. approved a $425,054 budget for the year. Today, this would only be 3.9 percent of the current $10.8 million budget.

1999: The Hornet's web publication won first place among college newspaper websites from the California Intercollegiate Press Association.

2000: A Sacramento County Superior Court
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Sac State hosted the USA Olympic Trials in

2006: The Hornet achieved 18 honors at th
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national Newspaper of the Year competition

0 years of hard work, dedication

A Message from the Adviser

The State Hornet was where I fell in love with journalism, and I remember the exact moment it happened.

It was the 1984-85 school year. The newspaper was headquartered in a skanky old trailer in what's now Parking Lot 4, which wasn't paved then either. We wrote our stories on typewriters, and developed film in a darkroom full of chemicals. We laid out our newspaper pages with hot wax, rollers, X-Acto knives and border tape. All totally state-of-the-art. Except for the trailer.

One day that year, fellow Hornet reporter Tom Biondi and I somehow scored an interview with Sacramento Mayor Anne Rudin. We, a couple of lowly college students, sat in her sunlit mayoral office and she gave us all the time we wanted to talk about current issues – the construction of ARCO Arena, leapfrog development in Natomas, you name it. It was magic - the mayor of Sacramento was talking to us!

Until that point, I'd thought of journalism mostly as writing, a placeholder career to keep me employed until I was ready to write the great American novel. But that was the day I realized that journalism meant meeting, talking with and learning from the most interesting folks around – then sharing it with the world.

What followed for me was more than two decades of fascinating conversations with the broadest possible spectrum of humanity: From the homeless of Palo Alto to the president of Estonia. From creek clean-up volunteers to the people who pioneered the earliest developments of the World Wide Web. From people who depend on the state for support to the elected officials who run the state.

And it all started here at the Hornet.

Now I'm back at Sacramento State as the faculty adviser to the Hornet, and it is a joy to help a new generation of young journalists discover that magic. I can see it in their eyes when they return from an invigorating interview, or do a staggering amount of work on deadline, or get an email from someone they interviewed or photographed saying, "Hey, nice job." Those are the moments that help you endure the endless ridicule of second-guessers and armchair quarterbacks who never faced the terrifying requirement that all their course work be published. And those moments are why students at the Hornet will pour more hours into this place than any class should ever take.

The newspaper industry may be in chaos, but journalism will survive, and the people who are students at the Hornet now are the ones who will carry the torch.

Congratulations to The State Hornet for 60 years of both serving the campus community, and serving as an incubator for generations of journalists. It's a pleasure and a source of great pride to be a part of this institution.

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Holly Heyser, State Hornet adviser


THE STATE HORNET

Teams fail to pass test

Stopped midway, bus depot must wait

NEW STUDENT LEADER

Looking abroad: Field house completed

Thousands walk, stride for breast cancer cure


THE STATE HORNET

THE EIGHT PAGES ON


THE STATE HORNET

Campus pays fine

Fees, cuts ahead for university

Professor dies, leaves a legacy

Sleep or serve?



Campus Messages

Members of the Sacramento State community reflect on past Hornet coverage, offer continual support.

"Different generations have different memories of Sacramento State. Grads from the 1960s remember the front quad, the old library, a student and faculty population boom, greater diversity, student activism, pride, great sports teams and even yearbooks. But the constant for every era is The State Hornet - 60 years old - a contemporary voice and an archive of generational "takes" on what our university was, is and can be.

Our campus's seventh decade will clearly be about change and providing a quality education and a fuller college experience to a new generation. We enter it with rekindled Sac State pride, stronger community connections and alumni rediscovering their alma mater. The Hornet will be there, stimulating and chronicling the changes. Thanks for the memories, Hornet, past, present and still to come."

Joseph Sheley, provost and vice president for Academic Affairs

"I would like to take this opportunity, as president of the California Faculty Association Capital Chapter, to congratulate the Hornet on its 60th year of publication. College newspapers remain a necessity for the free speech inherent in college life. The Hornet provides a forum for local reporting and for bringing state, national, and world issues to the attention of students, those people destined to tackle and solve future challenges. It also provides an excellent hands-on experience for future journalists.

In the future, I hope to see a continuation of reporting on campus and local issues, combined with more investigative journalism that provides in depth coverage of policies that impact the California State University system, including funding, access, retention, diversity, and graduation rates."

Lila Jacobs, president of the capital chapter of the California Faculty Association

"Congratulations to The State Hornet for 60 years of service to the students of Sacramento State. Without your commitment to transparency and truthful reporting, our students would not be informed on events, issues and policies pertaining to campus life. 60 years is truly significant and let us hope that you can serve this campus for many more years to come. I look forward to working with the Hornet next year as Associated Students, Inc., president and working together to strengthen the student voice and increase pride and involvement at Sac State. Keep up the great work!"

Roberto Torres, incoming Associated Students, Inc., president

"The value of student newspapers became evident to me well over 30 years ago when I attended Virginia Tech - our paper's name was the Collegiate Times and I couldn't wait to get the latest edition each Tuesday morning. The paper covered issues such as student life, athletics, research and educational innovations; featured faculty and students and provided students with well rounded (often slightly liberal) news of the campus, the city, the state, the nation and even some international coverage. The information was always from students' perspectives and written by students from every sector of the university.

My first visit to Sacramento State was when I interviewed for the position of dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science in the fall of 2005. During my visit, I made sure to pick up the latest copy of The State Hornet and must confess that I was very impressed by the quality of the articles and the in-depth coverage of political and societal issues, and in particular the Opinion page. A few months later, I was offered the job and I joined Sac State in June 2006. Since my arrival at Sac State, I have tried to develop a good working relationship with The State Hornet because few people on campus knew the great things that were taking place in the College of Engineering and Computer Science.

I have to say that I have been very pleased to work with each and every one of The State Hornet reporters I have spoken with over the last three years and have been incredibly impressed with the quality of the articles written about our students, faculty and staff and their projects and initiatives. In addition, the paper has successfully transformed itself from a simple print newspaper into a multi-media operation that has won accolades from many places around the country. Congratulations State Hornet on this your 60th-year anniversary, and continue with the great tradition you have already established. I look forward to working with you for many years to come."

Emir José Macari, dean of the College of Engineering and Computer Science

"Congratulations on your anniversary. I am so proud to be associated with the university. I don't have to look any further than inside the walls of The Sacramento Bee to realize the value and importance of student journalism. Many members of the Bee's staff, including me, have graduated from what we affectionately call "Sac State." We are so thankful for all of the young journalists you train and for the great relationship that we share.

From participation in non-profit community activities to conducting research on area issues, Sacramento State students make a difference in our region. The State Hornet reports on all of this and more; every issue contains information that connects students to their college. Research shows that over 80 percent of all college students read their student newspaper - isn't it rewarding to know that your work matters? On behalf of your friends at the Bee, we look forward to another 60 years of working together and making headlines. Best wishes for continued success."

Cheryl Dell, publisher of The Sacramento Bee

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ion Court judge dismissed a subpoena that asked a ished photos of a fight that took place at a football s of the Hornet from its racks. The paper received ound.

Trials in the Hornet Stadium for the first time.

nors at the California College Media Association; news, sports, arts and entertainment. It also won tion awards for best info graphic, photo illustraies, news feature series and breaking news story. rable mention in the Associated Collegiate Press' mpetition.

Gubernatorial candidates Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and state treasurer Phil Angelides participated in debates held at Sac State.

2007: Sac State's California Faculty Association members overwhelmingly voted in favor of a strike authorization. Of the 8,129 faculty members who voted, 94 percent voted yes, according to a CFA press release. The systemwide voter turnout was 81 percent.

President Alexander Gonzalez came under scrutiny, after letters he signed in support of the hunting of numerous Tanzanian animals surfaced.

2008: The Hornet won 11 Associate Collegiate Press awards at the Associated Collegiate Press national conference in San Francisco. It was awarded the Associated Collegiate Press' 2008 Online Pacemaker. The recognition puts the Hornet in the same category as Harvard and San Francisco State.

Kevin Johnson and Heather Fargo, then mayoral candidates, shared their visions for the future of Sacramento at a mayoral debate hosted by Sac State. Johnson went on to win the race and become mayor. Since being elected, he has worked to establish a good relationship with Sac State and its students.

2009 - Hits the big 6-0!

- Research by Jacqueline Tualla

EDITORIAL

A thank you to our facilities staff

The screensaver on one of the computers in Sacramento State's Facilities Services department electric shop reads: "The employees in the ELECTRIC SHOP are the best kept secret on campus."

The State Hornet believes this should be expanded to read, "The facilities, trades and maintenance workers are the best kept secret on campus."

These workers are the unsung heroes who keep this university running on a daily basis.

These workers include, but are not limited to, electricians, plumbers, custodians, grounds keepers, painters, mechanics and carpenters.

They repair leaking roofs, replace broken lights, maintain the existing and build new infrastructure.

Most days as our facilities workers pass by us in their golf carts on their way to make our campus a little more presentable we hardly give them a second glance.

Joe Manzella, supervising electrician for Facilities Services, has worked at Sac State for 27 years.

"If the people on campus never see a problem, that's because we do our job and they don't know we are there," Manzella said. "That's how it's supposed to be."

While they try to remain as unobtrusive as possible, the Hornet feels these workers and the work they do needs to be publicly recognized.

In these tough times, their jobs are getting more difficult.

When Manzella started at Sac State, he worked in an electric shop that had eight employees. Now, the same shop has only seven employees. This may seem insignificant, but in those 27 years the number of buildings and the student population has nearly doubled.

Manzella said many of the electrical panels his shop maintains on campus are 50 years old. For many of these panels, replacement parts are no longer available. When equipment fails, the shop manufactures many of the replacement parts itself.

"We keep it running," Manzella said. "Fortunately, we have old-timers who know the old stuff and teach the new guys how to fix it."

The electricians are just one example of facilities and trades workers on campus who struggle to cope with budget cuts, inflation and the and campus wide growth.

In addition to all of the work they do on campus, the trades workers take time every year to lobby on behalf of the California State University system. Under the auspices of the State Trades Employees Council-United, the union that represents CSU trades workers, many of these men and women take vacation time to represent the needs of the CSU system to state lawmakers.

"We understand the CSU needs more money, and we belong to the Alliance for the CSU," Manzella said. "So we go down to the Capitol and offer ways to save a couple bucks here or there."

The trade workers represented by the SETC have been working without a contract since last summer. Negotiations between the union and the CSU system have broken down, leading the union to file a lawsuit against the CSU asking for prevailing wages.

That's right, these workers are not paid the prevailing wages in their trades and crafts. Outside contractors hired to do work on CSU campuses are required to pay their employees prevailing wages. Not paying our own workers prevailing wages is an injustice.

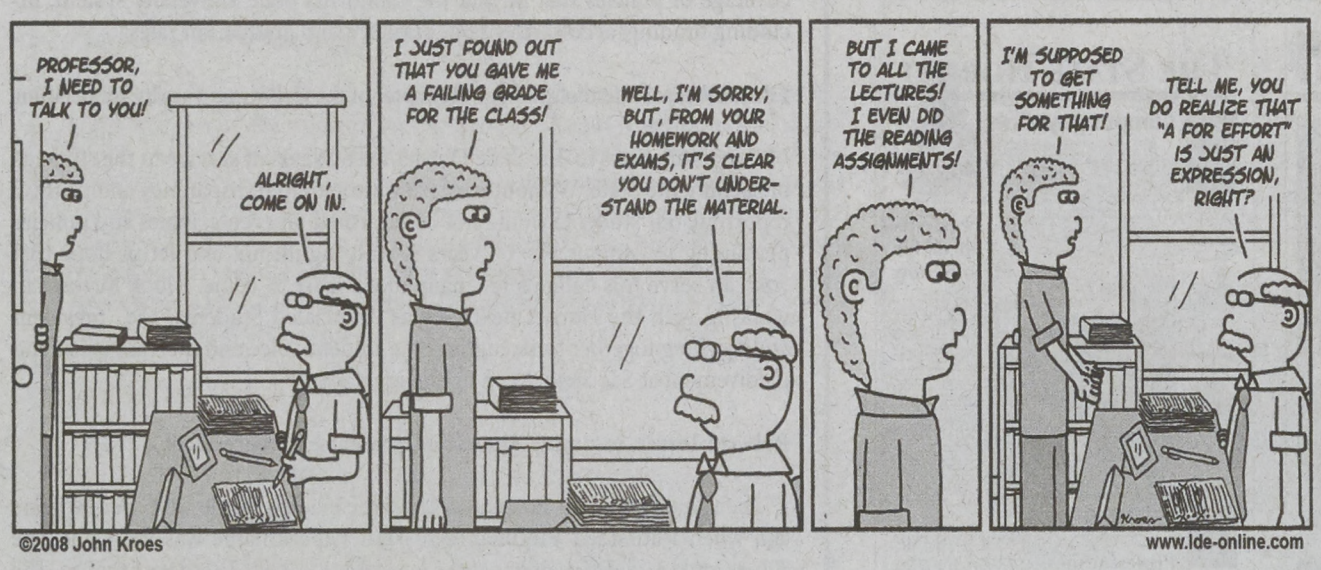
Every CSU president knows how vital these workers are to keeping each of the 23 campuses running.

It would be nice to see the CSU presidents speak to the Chancellor's Office in support of these workers. They deserve at least that much.

At the very least, the Hornet hopes these hard-working men and women are first on the list for compensation if and when times ever get better.

As paltry a gesture as it might be, given all the work the trade and maintenance workers do, the Hornet would like to publicly thank them for keeping this campus running smoothly. The entire campus community should be proud to call these staff members Hornets.

LAST-DITCH EFFORT



CYNIC'S CORNER

Some things I never wrote



Jordan Guinn

There were so many things I wanted to say in my columns, but they were cut for various reasons. Some were rude, others were crass and the overwhelming majority were downright hurtful.

My editors have granted me the right to say ALMOST anything I want in my final column for the State Hornet. So I present you with some of my greatest incendiary comments unfit to print. There will be no rhyme or reason to these attacks, and there will be a stunning lack of transitions throughout the column.

After the shameful slobbering in my previous column, it seems like I should show I'm not softer than Manny Ramirez's privates and go out carpet-bombing everything space will allow.

Earlier this semester, I wrote about how I wanted to divide California into several states as a way of solving our budget crisis. I wanted to drive home the point of how rare it is that our Legislature passes a budget on time and I wanted to use this comparison: "California legislators pass a state budget on time as regularly as young homosexual men use condoms."

Fergie of the Black-Eyed Peas has a new line of shoes, and I believe she even includes a hidden compartment in the tongue for storing methamphetamine. People magazine listed her as one of its "Most Beautiful People," despite the seemingly obvious fact that her face looks like a melted candle.

Those who know me know I love to cook. Food Network is one of my favorite channels. It's wholesome, it's soothing and it's informative.

Unfortunately, Guy Fieri gets way too much airtime and pollutes my television screen on a regular basis. Fieri, I hate you for too many reasons to count. I despise your bleach-blonde hair. You're a gigantic stereotype for Northern Californians. I pray for the day someone spills boiling stock infused with habanero seeds all over your feet because your dumb ass insists on wearing flip-flops into other peoples' kitchens on "Diners, Drive-Ins and Dives."

Speaking of embarrassments to our state, how is Jane Fonda in the California Hall of Fame? What considerable achievements has Barbarella bestowed upon our society? She's a snotty, pseudo-intellectual bag of Botox who rails against the system that gave her everything. The only thing deep about her is her cavernous vagina. There was one other comment I had about Fonda, but people much more sympathetic than myself wouldn't allow it. I'll give you the foundation and you can figure it out from there. It involves Hanoi Jane, a drunk driver and Christmas morning.

And then we have the cultural travesty that is Lindsay Lohan. You know what? She's too easy; in every sense of the word.

But now it's time for me to bring it home and say what should have been said several semesters ago: Your opinions mean nothing to me.

I should get bent out of shape over the names I've been called by readers over the years, but I just remind myself that the only life forms lower than opinion columnists are those who comment on those columnists work.

I can only imagine the pitiful existence these poor people must lead. Somehow, these degenerates have diluted themselves into thinking some statement in one of my hastily written columns will somehow destroy the fabric of our society. Get a life.

I would say I hope you've had as much fun as I have over the years, but that would be a lie. I wrote these columns for myself.

Maybe it's because I'm an insufferable jerk with a massive ego and a superiority complex. Maybe I just like the sound the keyboard makes when I type. All I know for sure is nothing has given me more joy and gratitude than knowing some of you took time out of your life to tell me I sucked. I'm going to miss your judgemental comments to my work.

By the way, those of you "suffering" from Chronic Fatigue Syndrome need to get over yourselves. CFS is not a disease, you're just lazy. All of us get tired now and then throughout the day; suck it up and slam a Red Bull or take a nap.

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Prescription pills can become addictive too



Leidhra Johnson

It sure is convenient to live in a society where the solution to any problem can be found in the medicine cabinet.

Feeling sad? There's a pill for that. Need more energy? There's a pill for that. Feeling the natural feelings that come along with being human? There's a pill for that, too.

Prescription medications have become quite popular. From Anna Nicole Smith trying to stay skinny and happy - to a college student trying to stay up and write a paper - medications have become the universal fix-all.

Being a college student, I know the temptation and the availability of drugs. I see how easy it could be to fix my world with a pill. I know that I could easily go into my parent's bathroom and take what I need. But I choose not to.

I have watched worlds crumble from drug abuse. I have experienced the damage of being close to someone that would trade you for a high. And I have seen and felt the wrath of what so many consider safe drugs. But there is no safe drug.

Maureen Ferrell, junior English literature major, has been a clean and sober member of Alcoholics Anonymous and Narcotics Anonymous since 1990. She asked that her real name not be used to protect the tradition of anonymity in these organizations. Throughout her life and her time in the program, Ferrell has noticed the sad reality of prescription drug abuse. One particular problem Ferrell has noticed is how easy it is to get a prescription.

"Doctors don't even talk to people anymore. They prescribe," Ferrell said.

Of course this is an overgeneralization; Doctors are not bad people, and not all of them are guilty of overprescribing their patients.

But times have certainly changed for the medical industry. Doctors have limited time to spend on their many patients. The unfortunate result of this is the prescription medication problem that has become so prevalent.

While doctors have many faults, they cannot be held entirely responsible. The abuse of a drug comes down to the individual. Medications do have to pass certain standards; it's when they are misused or abused that they become so dangerous.

"To get approval from the FDA, a pharmaceutical company has to prove that the drug can be safely used under the supervision of a physician. However, if the drug is used illegally, this safety mechanism is not in place. The drug can be used more often or in greater amounts than has been proven to be safe or in unsafe combination with other drugs," said Jeffrey Calton, associate professor of psychology.

Our society has put so much trust in medicine and medical practitioners that we forget the hazards that come with any drug.



Martin Wood State Hornet

Prescription medications are drugs, and like any other drug, they are dangerous. Under the right circumstances they can be helpful, but when abused they can be extremely harmful and addictive.

"It makes sense that people would assume that prescription medications have been proven to be safe. Prescription medications could be seen as more legit than heroin - for instance - or cocaine, but they are not always safer," Calton said.

The abuse of prescription drugs can be just as devastating as the use of illegal drugs. Our society is drug-happy and ready to prescribe anything to anyone. But as I have said before and I will say again, the decision comes down to the individual.

The choice is yours. The risk is yours. But the pain is shared with those who love you.

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STATE HORNET OPINION ONLINE

STAFF COLUMNS



Matt Rascher argues that college isn't for everyone, and it is unfair to expect it to be. Rascher suggests that the state bring back vocational education for people who can't make the grade.

David Loret de Mola initially thought that Sacramento State's switch from the WPE to the WPJ was just an attempt to get more money from students. Find out why he now thinks the switch is a change for the better.

Kyle Kershner explains why the Fit HELP program is the ideal solution for Sac State students who are out of shape, live on a mostly fast food diet and just can't find the time to be healthy.

Vanessa Guerrero explains why the H1N1 epidemic seems to have gone as quickly as it came. She wonders if maybe we all just overreacted.

ELECTION GUIDE



Proposition 1A

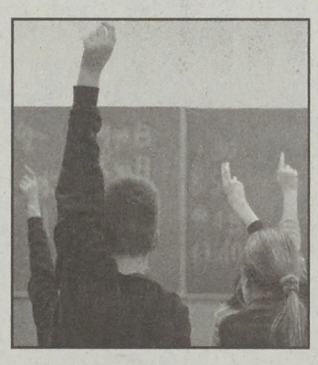
"Rainy Day" Budget Stabilization fund.

YES

Proposition 1A will create a "rainy day" fund that is 12.5 percent of the state's budget. This reserve fund will essentially create a spending cap for the budget. If passed, it will extend revenue increases in this year's budget by one to two years depending on the revenue item. The measure also will increase the governor's power to make some mid-year budget cuts without legislative approval.

The State Hornet is reluctant to endorse this proposition because no one has really been able to determine the long-term consequences of this measure.

The Hornet is endorsing it, however, because the short term effects of the proposition are very real and very scary. The current budget is already $8 billion out of whack. If the measure fails, that figure is expected to nearly double. If this happens, there will be even more drastic budget cuts for all state services and agencies.



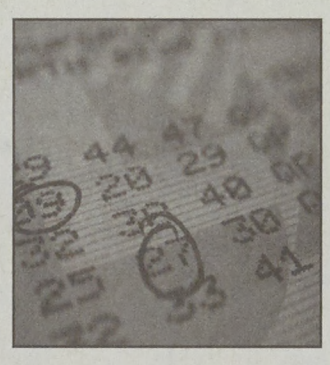
Proposition 1B

Education Funding Payment Plan.

YES

Proposition 1B will require supplemental payments to local school districts and community colleges to make up for budget cuts in recent years. It is designed to make sure that education funding guaranteed under Proposition 98 is protected. This measure will only go into effect if both Propositions 1A and 1B pass, as Prop. 1A reserves a percentage of the money put into the "rainy day" be put into a separate education fund.

The Hornet is endorsing this measure because the state's K-14 education system is woefully underfunded and impacted. As per-pupil spending has steadily decreased in recent years while the number of students in the system has increased, the quality of the education provided has suffered. Offering our children a high-quality education should always be a top priority for the state.



Proposition 1C

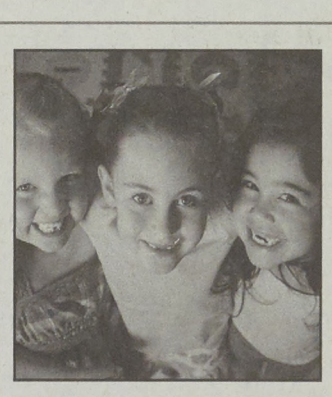
Lottery Modernization Act.

YES

Proposition 1C will allow the state to borrow up to $5 billion against future state lottery revenue to balance the 2009-10 budget. It is also designed to improve the lottery with increased prize payouts and more effective marketing campaigns. Lottery revenue would no longer be directly tied to education funding. Future borrowing against lottery revenue would also be allowed.

The Hornet is endorsing this measure because the budget for fiscal year 2009-10 already includes this as a way to increase state revenue. If this proposition fails, another $5 billion will be added to the deficit figures.

While it does take away lottery funding for education, the measure has provisions that add the lost revenue to Proposition 98 funding guarantees so schools do not lose this money.



Proposition 1D

Children's Services Funding.

YES

Proposition 1D will redirect money from the California Children and Families Program, which is funded through a state excise tax on tobacco products and not the state's general fund, to fund health and human services for children age five and younger.

The California Children and Families Program , or First 5, was created to expand early childhood development and education programs for children up to age five.

The Hornet is endorsing this measure because, while early childhood education services are important, it is more important in tough economic times to make sure our children have access to quality health care.

Think of it this way: Which is more important, a 4-year-old being able to visit a petting zoo as part of a field trip or being able to see a doctor when he or she is sick?



Proposition 1E

Mental Health Funding.

YES

Proposition 1E will allow the state Legislature to transfer money from Proposition 63, the Mental Health Services Act, funds to pay for the mental health services provided by the Early and Periodic Screening, Diagnosis, and Treatment Program for children and young adults. The measure makes mental health services for children the top priority in mental health funding.

The Hornet is endorsing this proposition because it realizes that priorities must be made during this economic crisis.

While the Hornet would like to see the state's entire mental health system funded adequately, the money just isn't there to accomplish this. Demographic trends in this state have shown that children are one of the largest and fastest growing segments of the population. It makes sense that they should be a funding priority.



Proposition 1F

Elected Officials Salaries.

YES

Proposition 1F will prevent state elected officials, such as legislators, the governor and statewide constitutional officers from receiving pay raises in years when the state budget is facing a deficit.

The measure would prevent the Citizens Compensation Commission from raising lawmakers' pay if the state Director of Finance officially declares the state to be in a deficit year based on a negative balance in the Special Fund for economic uncertainties.

The Hornet is endorsing this proposition because it sends a message to the state's elected officials saying that the people of California are not willing to increase legislators' pay if they cannot manage the state's budget.

This measure is largely symbolic, because this is something the commission is already supposed to consider when deciding on pay raises.

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A close look at the city of Sacramento

Too busy with classes all semester to wander the streets of the city you live in? State Hornet photographers took pictures of their favorite sights around the California capital from Lake Natoma to the rose garden in McKinley Park and downtown areas.





Photos by Shannon Schureman State Hornet



Above: A long driveway lined with trees leads up to the east side of the State Capitol, which is in the heart of downtown Sacramento. **Top Right:** The roses in McKinley Park are known throughout the city for their beauty and fragrance. **Below right:** Birds land on powerlines in downtown Sacramento.



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Top: Visitors at the Citizen Hotel can see an a view of the city lit up at night.

Right: An authentic steam locomotive sits in the Old Town train yard. The six-mile route takes about 40 minutes to go along the levees of the Sacramento River.

Left: Lake Natoma is a small lake that features the Aquatic Center and hosts the Sac State rowing competition. Folsom lake is near the Sierra Nevada Foot Hills east of Sacramento and is also a reservoir and dam.

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Torres: New leader brings his focus back to serving community

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helpful, friendly and easy to talk to.

"We used to work together and try to improve our community," Escobar said. "We basically worked side by side trying to come up with these innovative ideas."

Those experiences helped shape Torres' views on government, especially on the value of grassroots involvement.

"A lot of people think that local government isn't important, but honestly I think it's one of the most important because their decisions directly affect the people that live in the city," Torres said.

Being a community member is important to Torres, who has always stayed close to the Bay Area. But he is ready to branch out and set his public service career in motion.

Torres' biggest dream is to someday be governor, but he ultimately will try to become a district attorney somewhere in the Bay Area. Torres has a fervent appreciation for California and predicts that he will live out the majority of his life here.

"I can see myself leaving California temporarily but I'd have to come back," Torres said.

Torres' great love for where he grew up and his strong desire to return to his family roots is a characteristic passed down from his parents, who came to the United States from El Salvador. He became better acquainted with his family's culture in 2007 when the family visited relatives in his mother's village, Las Playas de Jiquilisco.

"We spent most of the time at the beach - it was lovely," Torres said.

Though he spoke fondly of the weather and easy going days on the beach in El Salvador, Torres raved most about the local cuisine. He enjoyed fresh homemade sweetbreads from a bakery his relatives own and pupusas, the national Salvadorian meal: a tortilla-type bread often stuffed with cheese, meat and other fillings.

Torres' aunt made "Siete Mares" ("seven seas") soup with local seafood, including crab, lobster and shrimp.

"It was to die for," Torres said of the fresh shrimp. "My aunt literally went that morning and grabbed the shrimp, and then cleaned it - it was amazing."

Back in Sacramento, life after El Salvador has been focused mostly on school and the future. Torres has his eye set on Georgetown University in Washington, D.C., as his first choice for law school.

ASI Executive Director Pat Worley has known Torres for more than two years and said Torres is a passionate person, focused on enhancing all aspects of students' experiences at Sac State.

"It's very clear that he not only values that for himself, but also values that opportunity for all the students on our campus," Worley said.

Worley said Torres' knowledge of the university's structure, including the California State University system overall, will be a major asset to his career, but it is his broad understanding of the Legislature that will make him more effective in finding ways to assure students have a representative place when ASI makes decisions on their behalf.

It was Torres' background of helping his community during high school that caught the eye of Robert Pomo, director of the Honors Program. Torres was one of 60 students chosen for the program when it was started in 2006.

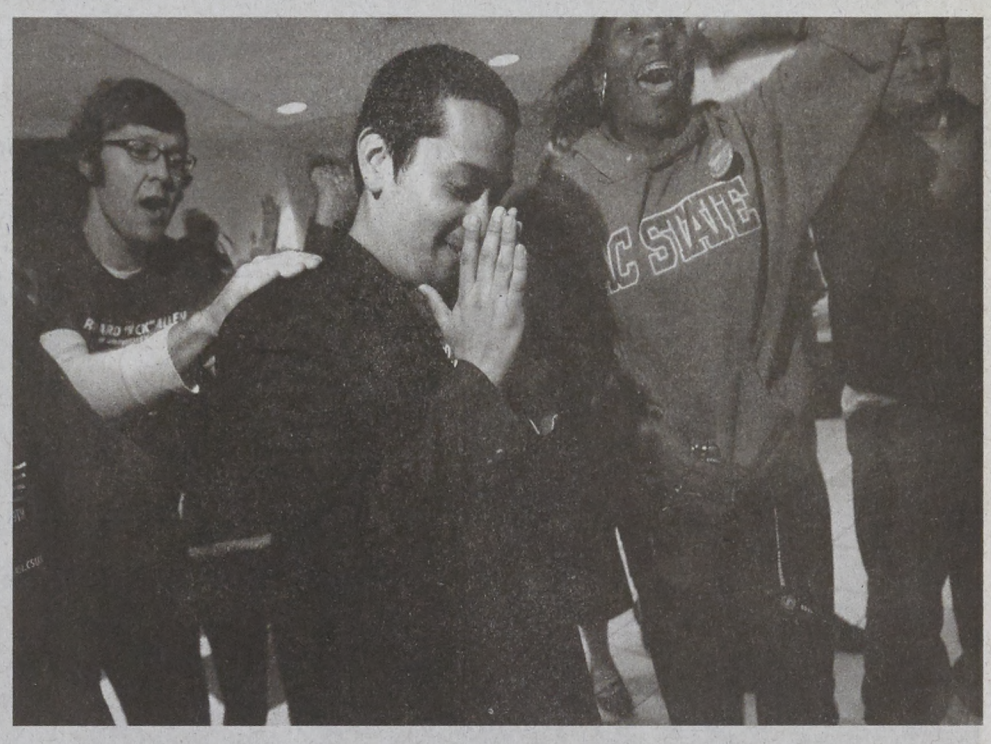
"He follows through; he's very interested in the dynamic between human beings," Pomo said. "He believes leadership in government is shared by everyone, not just the power of one."

For all of Torres' accomplishments that have helped set him apart from the rest, he still shares many things in common with his classmates - like finding time to rest between his school and personal life.

"I sleep if I can," Torres said with a laugh. He enjoys spending time back home with his parents and younger sister. He also likes playing with his two Labrador retrievers, Juanita and Cocoa, watching crime dramas ("Law and Order" and "CSI: NY" are favorites), and enjoys a good game of baseball, basketball, football, or soccer - all of which he used to play at one time or another.

All of the activity in Torres' life may seem overwhelming to others, but he is happy to take on whatever curveball life may throw his way.

"I have a real care for Sac State and for ASI," Torres said. "Whatever I do in the coming year is because I see that it will help a student in some way, shape or form."



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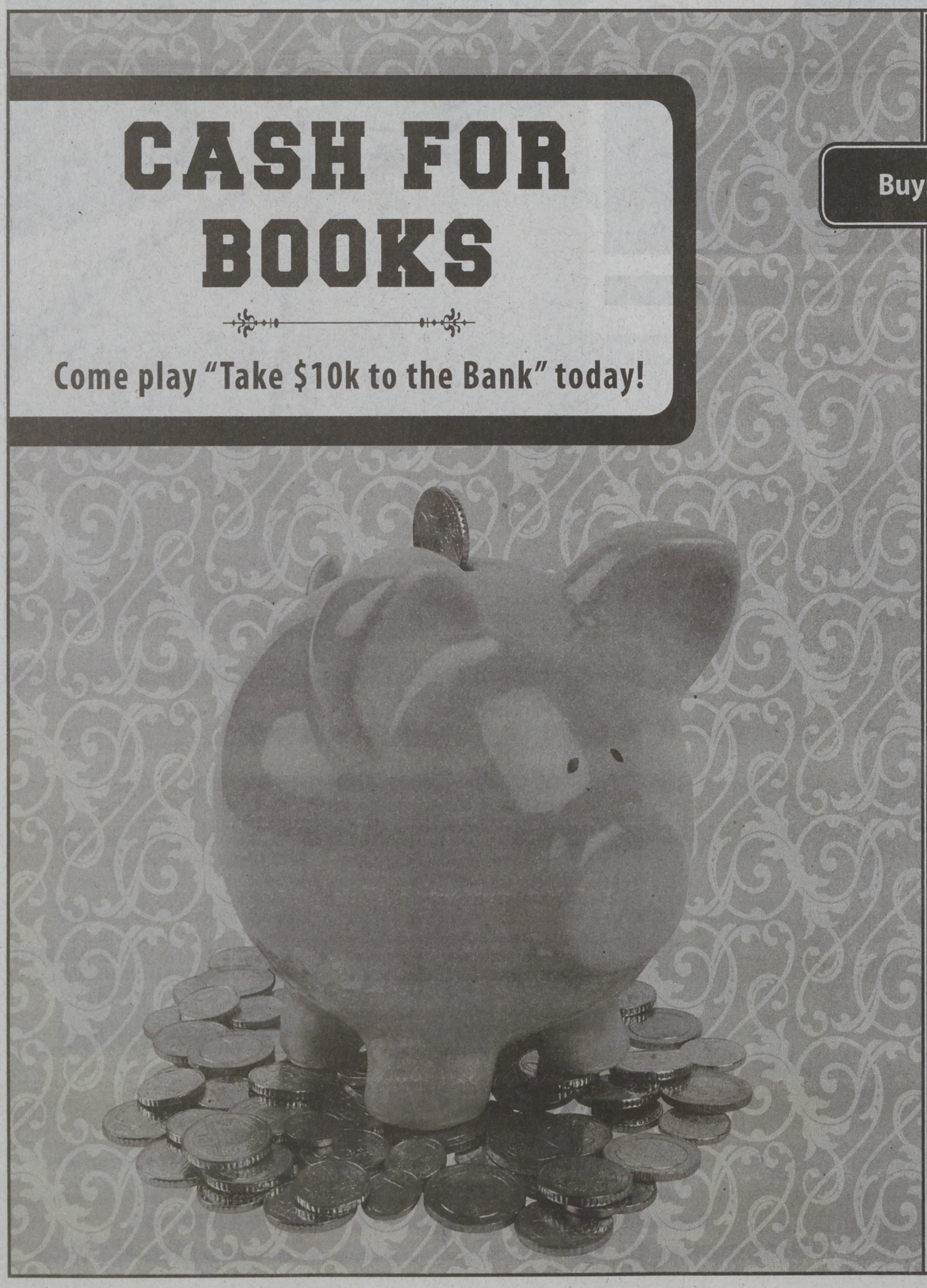
Junior government and communication studies major Roberto Torres listens as he is declared the next ASI president at the election results announcement.

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Year winds down; teams wind up

Track and field competes at conference championship today through Saturday.

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The Sacramento State women's outdoor track and field team is the favorite among conference coaches to repeat as champions at this weekend's Big Sky Conference Championship, with the men hoping for a top-three finish in the conference.

"On paper, our women's team looks very good," said head coach Kathleen Raske. "On paper, our men's team lacks a little of the depth, but will still hold their own."

The women will be trying to repeat after winning the team's first Big Sky Championship last year in the comfort of Hornet Stadium. The toughest competition to win in will come from Weber State and Northern Arizona University.

Northern Arizona won the women's indoor championship at home in the high-altitude of Flagstaff, Ariz. Sac State came in second in its attempt to repeat this year.

Montana State Stadium, site of this year's outdoor championship, is at 4,500 feet above sea level. The thin air is a concern for some of the distance runners, but is not the issue as it was for the indoor championship which was held 7,500 feet.

Raske said the Northern Arizona men's outdoor team looks like the clear favorite going to Montana. This has been a rebuilding year for Sac State's men, but a top-three finish looks possible.

There is consensus amongst Big Sky coaches that Sac State is the favorite on the women's side and Arizona the favorite on the men's side.

"Unless things go really crazy, Sac State should win by at least 50 points," said Weber State head track coach Jim Blaisdell. "They have a lot of depth, and their kids are performing very well. They are going to be very tough to beat."

The distance runners are planning on being a big part of the Sac State repeat-championship attempt.

"We've had a lot of girls qualify, but for most of them it will be their first time in a Big Sky meet," said Sac State distance coach Scott Abbott. "I think it bodes well for the future to have that many girls at the meet that get that kind of experience. I think we will be able to score a good chunk of points and compete with the Weber State and Northern Arizona squads."

Eleven Hornet distance runners have qualified for the Big Sky Conference Championship, with nine of them qualified to compete in the

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Rowing prepares for Pac-10 races; team eager following championship at WIRA.

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With another Western Intercollegiate Rowing Association Championship under the rowing team's belt and a third place finish at the Dad Vail Regatta, the Hornets are now preparing for the Pacific Coast Championships and Pacific-10 play.

"I feel like this has been one of our better years," said junior Erin DeGoede. "We have been hitting our goals in practice and bringing them into our races.

The WIRA win, the third in four years, was a big confidence booster for the team.

The WIRA uses a point system to score the performance of the multiple boats from each school. Schools from all over the western United States participate in WIRA. In the event, the Hornets collected a total of 360 points, besting close competitor Gonzaga University with 352 and also UC Davis with 347.

The teams got off to a quick start this year when the boats opened against Santa Clara. The Hornets dominated the competition and swept the day's events with Sac State boats finishing in the top positions in both the four- and eight-person varsity and novice races. The team continued its success in the Sacramento State Invitational by winning both varsity eight races, both novice eight races, the novice four, and placed second in both the varsity four races.

The team was also successful in an invitational event when the team defeated both Central Florida and Texas, both programs of which have recently been to the NCAA.

"The performance of the varsity eight was key in our victory over Central Florida and Texas. It was a race where we have to come from behind and it was good for us to shock a couple of teams we normally don't see," said coach Mike Connors.

From there the team headed into the Causeway Classic with UC Davis. The Hornets took top honors in three of the four events to not only win the event but also clinch the Causeway Cup for Sac State for the third time in the five years of the competition.

Following the Causeway the team prepared for the WIRA. Now the team is looking toward its next challenge here at the end of the season. On Saturday the team will put boats in the water at the Pacific Coast Rowing Championship and again a day later at the Pac-10 Championship. Although Sac State is not a Pac-10 school, the championship invites the top 21 teams throughout the western region to compete. The top four or five finishers in these events will be invited

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Baseball needs to defeat Fresno State in last series of games to make conference.

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The Sacramento State men's baseball team has its eyes set on the Western Athletic Conference championships taking place on May 21 in Hawaii.

Before the team can pack its bags for the Aloha state, it must win against conference rival Fresno State in the final week of the season this Thursday through Saturday. The Hornets are in seventh place, a half-game behind the sixth place Bulldogs, but are still in the hunt to earn the sixth seed in the tournament with a strong finish to the season.

The team won three out of four contests in the series against Nevada. During the final game, the team was leading 5-6 going into the ninth inning but allowed Nevada to score two runs and lose 7-6.. The loss on Sunday dropped the record to 8-10 in WAC play, 27-22 overall.

In the series against Nevada, junior Tim Wheeler was able to set two milestones as a Hornet becoming the school's single-season and all-time leader in career RBIs. In a double-header against the Wolf Pack, Wheeler drove in five runs to help the Hornets win both games, 9-6 in game one and 12-6 in game two. He also went 5-for-8 at the plate to lead the Hornets.

"(The field of competition) is not that different from last year. Nobody is really running away with anything. It's a little more equal, more competitive than it was last year," said Wheeler.

Senior first baseman Blake Crosby has been swinging the bat well as of late, going 3-4 at the plate in the Hornets last game against Nevada. Freshman catcher Justin Lam has also added depth to the lineup by driving in six RBI's in the team's series against Nevada. The Hornets have been hitting well and gelling as a unit as the season begins to wind down.

"We're more ready than in the beginning and middle of the year. The last couple weeks everyone has been coming together. Hopefully that will transfer over to the end of the season and we will do well," said sophomore catcher Brent Hottman.

The Hornets next challenge will be facing non-conference opponent California Golden Bears at Berkeley before hosting Fresno State at home in the last series of the season.

If the team finishes strong and takes care of business against the Bulldogs, the Hornets will be in position to move up to the sixth seed in the tournament which will be held at Hawaii's Les Murakami Stadium.

The Hornets will be hosting the Bulldogs at home.

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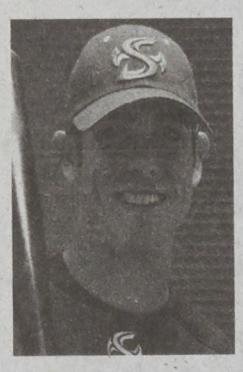
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Baseball	Men's Tennis (NCAA)	Track and Field	Women's Rowing
@ Nevada		Sacramento State Open Champions	
	5/8 @ Stanford L 0-4		Dad Vail Regatta
5/8 W 14-13		Caprice Bradshaw - 5k	Varsity Heavyweight Eight
5/9 W 9-6	Women's Tennis (NCAA)	Ashley Chavez - Steeplechase	Petite Final
5/9 W 12-6		Natalia Wright - Triple jump	
5/10 L 6-7	5/8 vs. Michigan L 2-4	Ify Agwuenu - Shot put, 400 x 4 relay	3rd 7:13.43

Hornet Sports Awards: Spring 2009

Best Male Overall Athlete



Tim Wheeler

Junior center fielder Tim Wheeler began the season by being named to the Brooks Wallace Player of the Year Watch List, as well as a third team All-American by Baseball America. Beginning the season with these awards set expectations high for the season and this all-star athlete met them all with ease.

"I'm happy with the improvements I've made from last year," Wheeler said. "I've just been more consistent over all."

Wheeler led the team with his slugging and on-base percentages, number of RBIs, triples hit, total bases, walks, stolen bases and had 15 home runs throughout the season.

"He's without question one of the finest men that I've even had the privilege to be able to coach with," said head coach John Smith. "His character is impeccable. He's truly been an inspiration to all of us."

Wheeler also had the second highest batting average on the team with .381, and was second in runs scored and doubles hit.

Best Female Overall Athlete



Erika Edwards

Junior forward Erika Edwards lit up the boards with field goals, free throws and 3-pointers.

The six-foot forward shot just over 44 percent - the third highest on the team.

That, combined with her 3-point shooting percentage of 0.361 and 77 percent free-throw shooting, earned her a starting position in all 30 games this season.

"I thought it was a great year for me," Edwards said. "I met the goals I set for 3-point shooting and free throws."

Her attitude and skills have endeared her to the program.

"Erika embodies all of the qualities we look for in our student-athletes," said head coach Jamie Craighead. "She represents our women's basketball program and this university with class."

Edwards led the team with an average of 8.1 rebounds per game and was the third-highest scorer.

She also had 21 blocks and eight steals for the season.

Best Male Recruit



Jason Smith

Freshman tennis player Jason Smith was a major contributor to the team's perfect 10-0 record against Big Sky Conference opponents. By the end of the season, Smith had earned the No. 2 spot on the team in singles play.

Consistent alone or with a teammate, Smith won 72 percent of his matches in singles (18-7) and 71 percent in doubles (15-6).

Smith was named a Big Sky Men's Tennis Player of the Week in March and was dominant throughout the season. He won 6-0, 6-2 against Montana and Eastern Washington opponents in the conference championships. Finishing with a perfect record of 7-0 in the conference, Smith was a first-team all-conference selection.

Prior to his enrollment at Sacramento State, the Davis native was marked as a top tennis recruit in the nation. He was marked as a five-star blue chip recruit by TennisRecruiting.net, ranked in the top 20 within the nation and placed seventh in the tennis rating percentage index.

Best Female Recruit



Desiree Beltran

Desiree Beltran had arguably the greatest season any freshman has ever had playing softball for Sacramento State. Beltran's batting average of .413 led the team and is the all-time high for a freshman in school history. Her average also ranks as second all-time in a single season at Sac State.

Playing shortstop, Beltran not only hits for averages but also with power having launched seven home runs this year. The seven homers are also a all-time high for a freshman. She had the most total bases (99), hits (62), and highest slugging percentage (.660) on the team.

Capping the season with four winning games against Santa Clara, Beltran hit .636, smashed a pair of home runs, had 8 RBIs and was named the Pacific Coast Softball Player of the Week.

Prior to her enrollment at Sacramento State, Beltran played four years of varsity for Agoura High School at Agoura Hills, Calif. She made first team during her junior and senior seasons

Most Improved Male Athlete



Ronald Brookins

Last season, Brookins was Big Sky champion in the 110-meter hurdles and the long jump, and placed third in the 100-meter which earned him Big Sky All-League honors.

He went on to participate in the NCAA West Regionals in both the 110-hurdles and the long jump. He also was a member of the USA Track and Field Junior Nationals team.

This season, Brookins has offered many standout performances. At the Big Sky Indoor Championship he won third in the 60-meter hurdles, placed second in the 60, and placed first in the long jump with a distance of 25.02.75.

He won the event by a distance of 15.75 inches and was named the Men's Field Athlete of the Meet.

During the outdoor season he would post marks of 13.92 in the 110-hurdles and 24-04.25 in the Long Jump.

Both marks lead the Big Sky this year and he has also been named the Men's Athlete of the Week in the outdoor season.

Most Improved Female Athlete



Ericka Violett

Junior Ericka Violett competed in her third season with the Sacramento State Track and Field team this year. Last year she place third in the in the pole vault and was given all-Big Sky honors in the process. She also finished fourth in the 100-meter hurdles and seventh in the Triple Jump.

This year she has grown to become even more successful. In the Indoor she was named Big Sky Women's Field Athlete of the Week and qualified for the Big Sky Championship all four of her events, the 60-meter hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump, and the Pole Vault. She won all but the Pole Vault in which she finished third and was named co Women's Field Athlete of the Meet.

In the outdoor she has shined as well. She was named Women's Field Athlete of the Week once again and set a school record in the Pole Vault at a height of 12-07.50. This year she has also posted Big Sky bests in the Long Jump with a 19-11.50, the Triple Jump with a 40-09.75, and the 100-hurdles with a 13.95.

Post-season play crushed by one game

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The 2009 softball season did not go as planned for head coach Kathy Strahan's squad.

With a 14-6 conference record (28-23 overall), Sacramento State will not be headed back to the NCAA Tournament. The team finished in second place, one game behind Portland State (15-5, 29-24) in the Pacific Coast Softball Conference.

"The credit goes to Portland State. They were really solid and they didn't slip. We slipped in a couple of games that we should have won," Strahan said.

This year's team was the preseason Pacific Coast softball favorite, as voted on by the coaches in the conference.

Sac State began the season on the road with a sweep of the University of the Pacific but was sidelined due to weather that canceled five games and an invitational.

Once the weather let up, the Hornets had a hard time finding their rhythm once they got back on the field. They had a poor showing at the Stanford Nike Invitational and were swept at Nevada, but managed to pick up a win at San Jose State.

This was followed with a four-game losing streak and lost six of eight overall. After this string of on-the-road losses, the Hornets finally had their first game at the friendly confines of Shea Stadium on March 11.

The team swept UC Davis in the softball version of the Causeway Classic, Sac State was unable to keep the momentum going into the National Invitational Softball Tournament and lost three of five games in San Jose. Sac State's luck finally began to turn in its favor as Sac State returned home for the 17th annual Capital Classic.

The Hornets finished fourth in the seven-team invitational with a 2-2 record.

Sac State went on a four-game winning steak, highlighted by a victory over the 12th-ranked California Golden Bears, before beginning Pacific Coast softball play.

Sac State took three of four from San Diego on April 4-5.

Due to poor weather, Sac State had an unusual triple-header with Saint Mary's on April 11. Sac State won two of the three games.

"We slipped in a couple of games. San Diego, Saint Mary's, we needed to win those ball games. You take those two games and put them in the win column and there is a conference championship," Strahan said.

Sac State ended the weekend third in the Pacific Coast standings with a four-game series against the second-place Portland State on April 18-19 and won only a single game.

Sac State regained its momentum as it took on second place Loyola Marymount April 25-26.

The Lions took game one but Sac State won the next three games to take control of second place in the Pacific Coast.

The Hornets ended the season on an eight-game winning streak by concluding with a four-game sweep of Santa Clara.

But it would be all for naught as Portland State clinched the Pacific Coast title on May 2. The stumbles the team took against San Diego and Saint Mary's proved to be costly for the Hornets.

Sac State will lose five players from this year's squad (Cabrera, Miles, Schloredt, Sherry Clark and Whitney Loomis) but will retain 13 members from this year's squad.

"They have been incredible. They were a part of (our) conference championship. I've just adored them. They are great model student-athletes who have represented Sacramento State extremely well," Strahan said.

The Hornets will have to rely on a new cast of characters to be leaders on next year's team.

"We are a much improved team. Our freshmen really came a long way. We will be really young. Twelve of our players will be freshmen or sophomores but I am excited because we have a talented group coming in. Plus, the freshman class we had this year exceeded my expectations. They more than pulled their weight," Strahan said.

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NCAA APR report

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A year after being penalized the most out of all other Division I schools for academic performance, the Sacramento State athletic department improved in almost every program.

In the May 6 NCAA Academic Progress Report, Sac State only had one team, football, suffer a penalty for its poor Academic Performance Rate. The APR is a four-year rolling average of program performance to retain scholarship athletes and keep them eligible for play.

Last year, seven Sac State teams were penalized for APR numbers that fell below the NCAA threshold. This year, the school had nine sports with a perfect score of 1,000.

Football will lose one scholarship because its APR was once again below 900. However, in 2007-08, Marshall Sperbeck's first season as head coach, the team had an APR of 945.

Every Division I sports team calculates its APR each academic year, based on the eligibility, retention and graduation of each scholarship student-athlete. Teams that score below 925 on their four-year rate or have students leave school academically ineligible can lose up to 10 percent of their scholarships through immediate penalties.

Sport	Multi-year APR	Scholarship totals	2007-08 APR	Scholarship totals
Baseball	926	131	1000	27
Men's basketball	913	50	933	12
Men's cross country	923	7	1000	1
Football	897	296	945	66
Men's golf	955	39	1000	6
Men's soccer	928	84	931	21
Men's tennis	933	36	875	11
Men's indoor track	911	59	950	16
Men's outdoor track	911	63	1000	13
Women's basketball	996	63	981	13
Women's cross country	924	62	1000	6
Women's rowing	953	131	958	30
Women's golf	981	39	1000	8
Women's gymnastics	990	52	1000	12
Women's soccer	990	103	1000	26
Softball	983	78	938	21
Women's tennis	904	33	1000	8
Women's indoor track	944	101	984	32
Women's outdoor track	929	109	968	32
Volleyball	971	56	940	14

NCAA 2007-08 Academic Progress Report

The current APR shows a marked improvement across the board with many programs scoring above the 925 penalty mark. Only men's tennis is below the acceptable average. Football stands to lose a scholarship for its multi-year APR falling below 900.

Teams can also face historically based penalties for poor academic performance over time.

"It isn't just about playing your sport and maintaining eligibility," said Bill Macriss, Sac State deputy director of athletics. "It's about coming here, progressing toward your degree and getting something so you can move on to the next phases of your life."

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Track: Teams highly favored to win Big Sky; nine made regionals

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800-meter.

Abbott agrees this year isn't the men's year, but it was planned as a rebuilding year.

"We've got some big guns we've held off this year; lets some of our younger guys develop," Abbott said. "The guys we have running are doing very well. We can't ask for more from all of them."

Abbott believes if the men can manage to finish in the top-three, it will be a good year for the program and be a good sign for future years of track and field dominance.

Two weeks after the Big Sky Championship comes the NCAA Western Regionals in Eugene, Ore. A total of 10 Hornets have already met qualifying times for the Regionals, with another chance for other athletes qualify at the Big Sky Championship. The winner of each event at the conference championship gets an automatic advancement into the regional championship.

Raske thinks there are a number of Hornets that can get beyond the NCAA Regionals and qualify for the NCAA Championships at Fayetteville, Ar., on June 10-13.

"We've got a handful of athletes that can put their nose in it. You need to be top five in the individual events and we've got a handful of athletes in top 10."

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Rowing: Only top four or five in Pac-10 will continue to NCAA

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to the NCAA tournament.

At the event, the Hornets will have their sights set on one school in particular: Gonzaga. During a meet earlier this year, Gonzaga was able to slightly outperform the Hornets in every race.

"We would like to beat Gonzaga. It's tough to lose to a crew by so little. We definitely want to beat them by the end of the year. It's a goal for that race," said junior Holly Hopkins.

DeGoede recognized the same goal and said, "We definitely want to beat them. Hopefully we can work on our weaker points and pull together to beat them. (Last time) I think we could have brought up our sprint better we would have beaten them. If we do that we'll be fine."

From top to bottom the team is aware of this goal. Even Connors sees the importance of it to his team: "We would really like to reverse what Gonzaga did to us. As far as out last race went, we put ourselves in a position to win and we just didn't finish. We were ready to go at the end but not as a unit. We couldn't bring our level up together."

Although the team is going into the event with high hopes and is prepared to capitalize on every advantage possible, the Pac-10 will be a daunting measure of the team's abilities.

"What is always most important is that we rode our best and went as fast as possible," Connors said. "If we rode as fast as we have gone all year and they still beat us, that that's life. It's still better to lose by a half a second than by two boat lengths."

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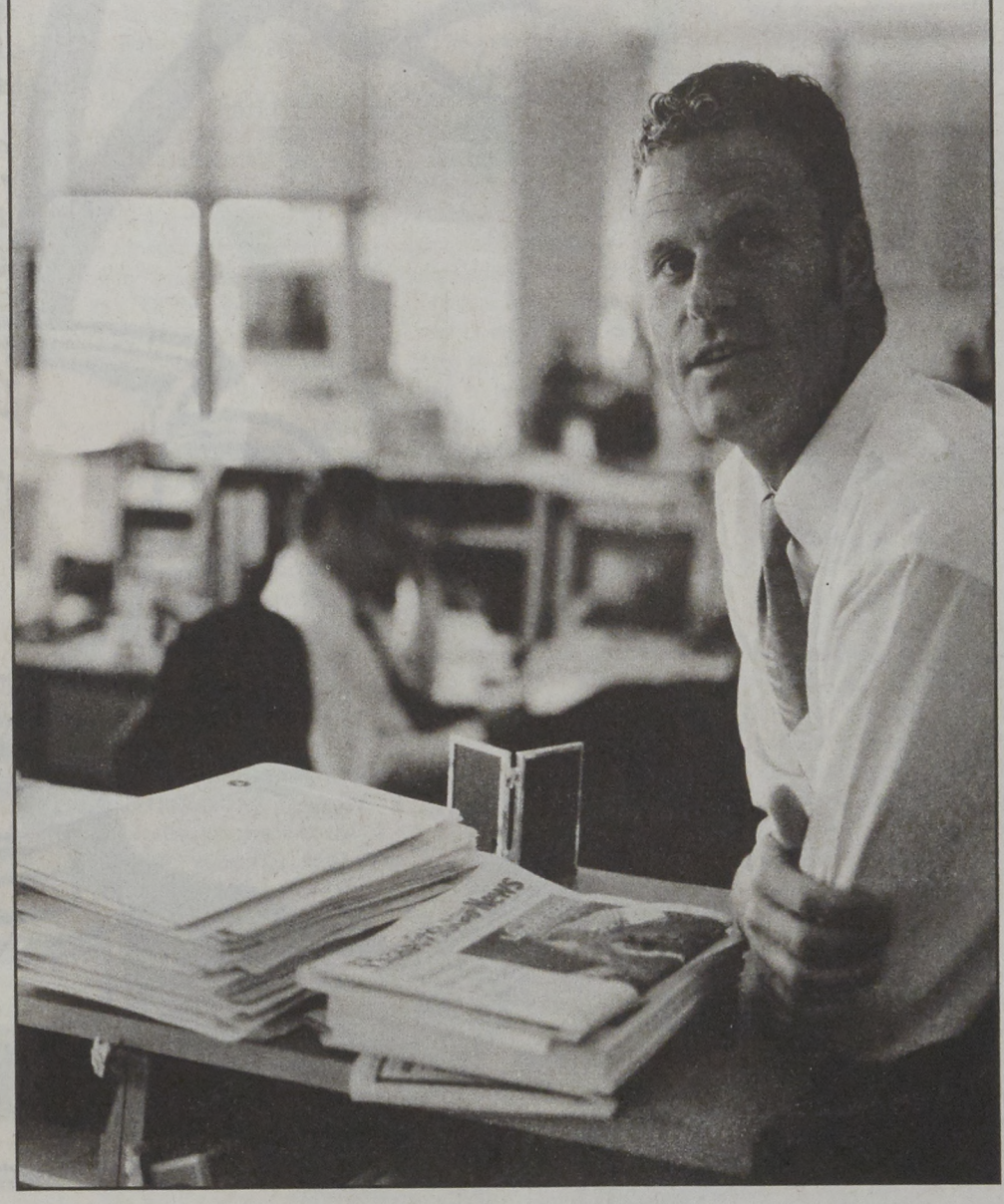
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The State Hornet features department scoured the campus to find the students who excelled most in six different artistic arenas.

Best Photographer





Best Musician





Best Thespian





Best Artist





Best Dancer





Best Film Student







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The State Hornet's Best Awards | Most outstanding students in artistic categories

Best Photographer

Krystle Coniglio, senior photography major

A number of Coniglio's photos were recently selected by The Lens Committee, and were featured in this year's senior show. She didn't start out as a photography major though. Coniglio was originally a child development major, and it wasn't until her junior year that she changed her major to photography, hoping to learn more about something she had always had an interest in. She said she is very happy with the decision she made. Coniglio has also been a Resident's Assistant in Desmond Hall for the past two years, and recently won the Team Player award from the ResLife staff. She is graduating this year and hopes to work for a television studio in Los Angels as a production assistant. Coniglio is currently a photographer for The State Hornet.

Wilson Lin, senior photography major

Lin has won several awards for his photography. He received third place in the Raymond and Joyce Witt 2008 Student Show. Lin won the Artistic Achievement Award on Feb. 20. He received both first and third place for his self-portrait at the Purchase Show on April 9 in the Galleria. Wilson said he is applying for his master's in photography with a focus on fine art. His plans for the future include teaching photography while continuing to work with photography. Lin said some of his work will be presented on June 6 at the Crocker Art Auction, which is being held at Cal Expo.

Best Musician

Katie Yarbrough, senior music education major

Yarbrough, a Sacramento native, has played the saxophone for 12 years. She was named outstanding senior this year in the music department at Sacramento State. Yarbrough feels that music gives you a chance to escape the real world and indulge in something beautiful. Through the saxophone she said she can express emotions that she wouldn't be able to express in person. Aside from her exceptional saxophone talent, she has made it a point of standing out in other areas. With a grade point average of 3.97, she has the highest average in the music department's graduating class. Yarbrough feels you can't limit yourself; you have to be well-rounded and not only be good at one thing.

Rudi Hoehn, senior music performance major

Rudi Hoehn, senior music performance major, has played the trombone since he was a freshman in high school, when he joined the school band. He won the Rotary International Ambassadorial scholarship for the 2006-07 school year. This scholarship paid him to go to school in Germany where he served as an ambassador of goodwill to the people of Germany. He also won the concerto competition for 2009. In addition, he received the Sacramento Saturday scholarship, which is a scholarship for promising young musicians awarded by the club to students of Sacramento State. Hoehn plans to apply for to a master's program back east after graduation.

Best Thespian

Stephanie Zito, senior theater major

In the 2008-09 theater season at Sacramento State, Zito held a lead role in both the fall drama and spring musical. In the fall, Zito starred in "Picnic" by William Inge. She played the role of Madge Owens. In the spring, Zito starred in "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" as Rosemary. For her outstanding performance in "Picnic," Zito was nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Award. In February, Zito went to CSU Fullerton to compete against hundreds of other Irene Ryan Nominees. Zito ended up making it into the finals of the competition and winning the Classical Acting Award. She is also the recent winner of the 2009 Classical Acting Award from the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival.

Dexter Galang, senior theater major

In the 2008-09 theater season at Sac State, Galang played the lead role in the fall production of "The Good Woman of Setzuan," playing the part of Wong the water seller. For his performance in this play, Galang was nominated for the Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship Award. Galang attended the Irene Ryan competition at CSU Fullerton in February and beat out hundreds of other actors and made it into the semifinals with 32 other semifinalists. Galang also appeared in the spring drama, "In The Blood," playing the featured role of Chilli/Jabber.

Best Artist

Jessica Lindeman, senior art studio major

Lindeman first started working with jewelry design, but later became interested in working on installation pieces. Lindeman creates sculptures or three-dimensional pieces. This year, she won first place and a Certificate Award for her piece called "Loops," constructed of mixed-media and audio pieces. The audio parts were made from audio loops and the objects were made in the forms of loops. Lindeman enjoys being able to merge her love of music with her artwork. She also had some of her pieces shown in the Witt Gallery at Sacramento State.

Jeremy Jordan, senior art studio and art history major

Jordan creates mixed-media pieces constructed mainly of wood, ceramic, metal and rope or string. This year, he won second place in the Student Awards Show for his wall hanging sculpture called "Biomorph I." He also won the second place award for the Raymond W. and Joyce Witt Scholarship in art studio for the same piece. Jordan has won The Witt Art History award for his essay "Salvador Dali: The Founder of the 'Fake,'" which he will present at the Art Ball. He has collaborative pieces permanently installed in corporate and public locations, including a mixed-media piece in the Cameron Park Library and a wall-hanging sculpture in the Call Center at Kaiser Permanente in Vallejo.

Best Dancer

Inertia DeWitt, senior dance major

Over the last year, DeWitt has performed in the Dance Sites' "Metamorphous." She is part of the Dangerous Lorraines Dance Theater, and performed in their spring show in March. She is also active in the Sacramento State Dance Alliance. DeWitt hopes to go to graduate school at the University of California, San Diego, after finishing her classes next fall, then moving on to perform professionally in a dance company. Her dream is to one day open up a non-profit art conservatory for youth and teens. She wants those who are lucky enough to have the talent to be a dancer, to have a place to practice their art.

Lean Damasco, junior dance major

Last summer, Damasco was chosen to fly to Utah to meet New York dance performer Nicholas Lecher. He was taught a dance choreographed by Lecher that he later performed at the Dance Sites show last winter. Besides being active in the Sacramento State Dance Alliance, he is also a part of the Core Dance Collective - a dance company in Sacramento - and the Dangerous Lorannes Dance Theater - a modern dance company directed by professors Lorelei Bayne and Melissa Wynn. Damasco said the reason he joined so many different dance companies is because of his vast love for the art. Damasco will finish school next year and hopes to one day work for a professional dance company.

Best Film Student

Nicole Hendrix, senior film major

Hendrix said once she saw what a person could do with film, she was absolutely hooked. She saw the product of being a film major when she rushed her freshman year for a sorority. She saw a recruiting video for Alpha Phi and was impressed by it. She said once she saw that, she got in contact with the creator. Hendrix said she has been a film major ever since. Hendrix has done over 100 short advertisements as well as 40 films. She has also participated in a 45-hour film festival where she had to create a script, shoot and edit a short film. Hendrix said the challenge is what she loves about film. She feels like it is always pushing her to do a little bit more and experiment with new ideas.

Ivan Harder, senior film major

Harder deals with both directing and producing, however he is more involved in the producing aspect of film. He said he was so captured by the famous work of Alfred Hitchcock and he loves the art that goes into film.Harder has done about 15 to 20 movies and hopes to get his masters in film. He aspires to attend Berkeley or San Francisco State according to what he wants to emphasize his film experience on.Harder said he is very motivated when it comes to film and that it gives him a chance to be creative with whatever he works with.

"It's not about doing it all...it's about trying to master one of them."

Roshaun Davis, Sacramento State alumnus, emcee and member of Righteous Movement

Alumnus nominated

Sac grad succeeds at juggling his music career and family.

By Jordan Guinn
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Juggling family, business and his ceaseless quest for knowledge, Roshaun Davis, a.k.a. Truth Arises In Search, plans the next move for himself, his clients and his group, Righteous Movement.

In his cramped workspace devoted to his endeavors with Unseen Heroes Consulting Group, Davis oversees scheduling arrangements, booking details and manages other artists, but he says his main goal is "trying to take over the world."

So far, his diligent work ethic has paid off.

Righteous Movement has been nominated for Sammies, the music awards handed out annually by the Sacramento News and Review to outstanding local artists, in each of the last four years. The group hasn't won in its genre yet, but last year Righteous Movement took home the award for third best overall.

Davis has been nominated for the outstanding emcee of 2009, a new Sammie's category. The 2009 Sammies will be held on June 27 at Ceasar Chavez park. Anyone can vote on the nominees selected by SNR writers starting Thursday.

Davis has been a graffiti artist, a break dancer, DJ, and a beat composer, but he is focusing on writing rhymes for the time being.

"It's not about doing it all…it's about trying to master one of them," he said.

So where did the nickname come from? As is normal for Davis, he started with a big picture and worked backwards.

Davis said the letters "T" "A" "I" and "S" were the easiest for him to graffiti. After countless hours reading philosophy, Davis had an epiphany: Truth arises in search; T.A.I.S. was born.

"T.A.I.S. is just one extension of me," Davis said. "Roshaun has a business going on. He's a father and a family man…It's Superman and Clark Kent."

Theek is one of the original members of Righteous Movement and a close friend of Davis. The two met while working at a retail store and quickly discovered their mutual passion for hip-hop.

Davis' sobriety and ability to stay away from trouble impresses Theek.

"We will all be doing shots of Jameson or Sailor Jerry after shows, but T.A.I.S. heads straight home if he isn't selling merchandise."

Maritza Villegas, a Sac State graduate, manages Davis' career - and several other artists' - at Unseen Heroes. The two met in class three years ago when the instructor wanted students to introduce themselves to each other. What impresses her about Davis is his ability to balance a variety of roles, meet his goals and still stay down-to-earth.

Davis said he learned a great deal about history through hip-hop. The journalism graduate would listen to his favorite artists, such as Common and the Wu-Tang Clan, and write down the names of historical figures mentioned in their songs.

Davis said he specifically remembers his moment of inspiration. He was in Germany, in the fifth grade and had just learned about Frederick Douglas.

"That's when I wanted to be a writer," he said. "I remember doing this little school project and I mirrored him in that."

What's lacking from Davis' persona is the stereotypical arrogance and brazen self-centeredness associated with rappers. Even though hip-hop - as it exists today - hip-hop is based on the lyricist's ego and image, Davis says hip-hop is bigger than him.

Righteous Movement doesn't want to release something it feels is sub-par, and that has slowed the process of releasing their new album

Davis said the album will be titled "Colored People's Time" because of the stereotype that blacks are always late. He said it started as a joke but ended up sticking.

"People ask when the next album is coming out and we tell them it is called CP Time for a reason," he said.

Davis, a self-described "army brat" was born in Sacramento but moved frequently due to his parents' military duties. He says it was a mixed blessing. He made friends and was exposed to a variety of cultures, but he wasn't able to form long-lasting relationships during his youth.

Davis said a major turning point in his life was the birth of his now 7-year-old son. He realized that he needed to concentrate on providing for his son instead of getting intoxicated.

"It's a good thing; he looks up to me and thinks I'm the coolest dad in the world," he said.

The knowledge Davis has accumulated from being a father, a businessman, a publicist, an entertainer and a lyricist, coupled with his pragmatic nature, may just be enough to help him achieve his goal to take over the world.

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eLove: Search for the perfect match

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Approximately 210 billion e-mails are sent out each day worldwide. Assume that all 6.7 billion people on Earth receive e-mail, so this averages out to 31 e-mails per person each day. For those people who participate in online dating, one of those 31 e-mails contains the match with the potential love of their life.

No, this is not the plot of a science-fiction film. People are leaving the florescent-lit bar for an LCD monitor that connects them to the Internet. With a few clicks of a mouse, they have the opportunity to meet the future mister or miss "Oh my God, I am in freaking love with this person."

Approximately 40 million people are trading bar prowling to scoping the net of online dating services, "Good Morning America" reported in 2007.

I joined the world of online dating for an experiment.

Another being my track record of maintaining a lasting relationship is like finishing a Special Olympics race. I end up with a participation ribbon and high-fives. I should be happy with the experience, but I don't really learn anything.

Of the 83.4 million United States visitors to Facebook, 47 percent are between the ages of 18 and 34. Of the 65.1 million U.S. visitors to MySpace, 46 percent are between the ages of 18 and 34, according to Quantcast.com, a company that measures audience traffic of digital media for companies. So, for the 69.1 million already digitally socializing, it would only make sense that this group would be drawn to online dating, right?

After surveying a human sexuality class of about 50 students, not one person had ever tried or considered online dating. However, some students did know someone who has dated or is dating online.

The majority of the users on sites like Match.com are over the age of 30. So, unless you are looking for a sugar daddy or a cougar, then this digital world of relationships is not for the average college student.

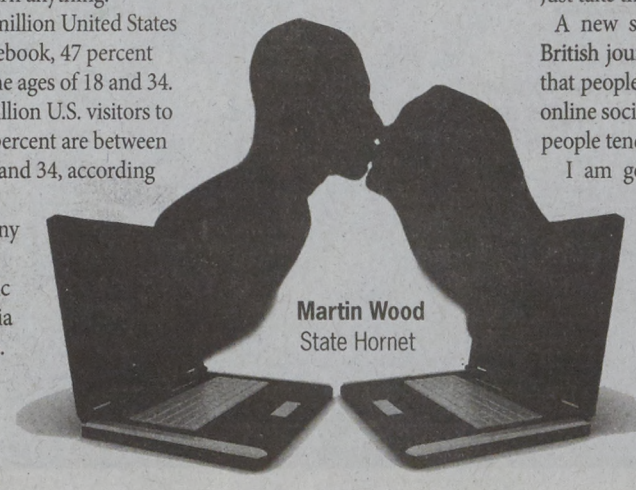
The surveyed class said online dating is impractical for college students because of all the face-to-face interaction that goes on everyday in class.

Online dating offers a different way of approaching people. You need to find something in common to break the ice with online dating.

You check out their profile, find something you like and send an e-mail that basically says, "Hey I checked out your profile and liked what I saw. Maybe we can chat sometime?"

Don't get the impression that online dating is just a meat market.

You don't just tell the butcher what you want and get it; the meat has to want you back.



Martin Wood
State Hornet

By comparison, online dating is not too different from "normal" dating. In the real world, people go to clubs or bars to meet other people. Men will, hopefully, approach a girl that they like - sometimes a catalyst like alcohol is needed. If that girl shoots him down, the guy can always find another girl in the bar or club.

With online dating, you have different websites instead of bars and clubs. Replace the alcohol with impersonal interaction. So, a person e-mails someone and if rejected, just moves on to the next e-mail.

Mary Summers, Ph.D., human sexuality professor, finds that online discussion is much more open than when in class.

"I think it's because of the anonymity that you can have online," she said.

However, unlike a bar where no one knows anything about you, online dating offers as much information as the user gives.

In the three short months I spent prowling the online dating world, I realized, more so, that nothing can beat interpersonal interaction.

Online dating is great if you do not have time for "real" dating. Just take this into consideration.

A new study published in the British journal "Biologist" reports that people who spend more time online socializing than with actual people tend to be less happy.

I am going to stick to being rejected in person; at least I will still be happier than those rejected online.

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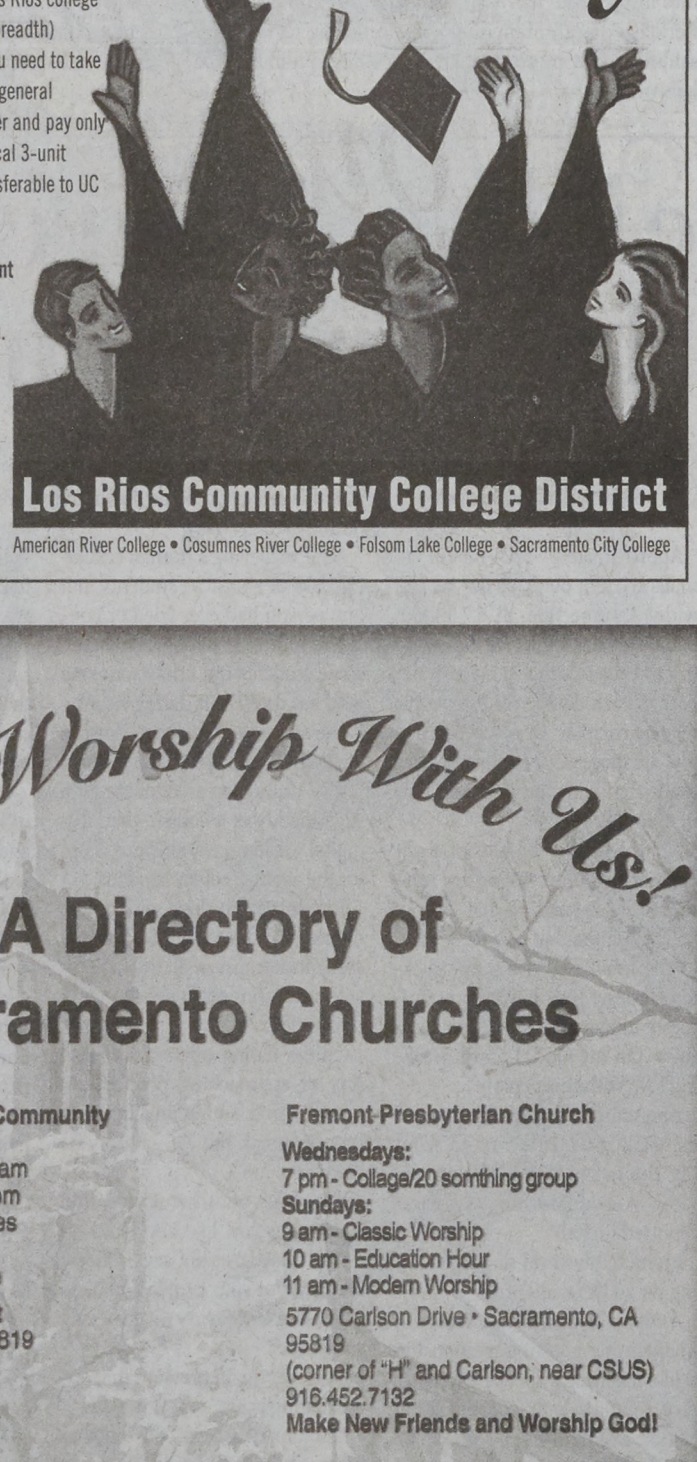
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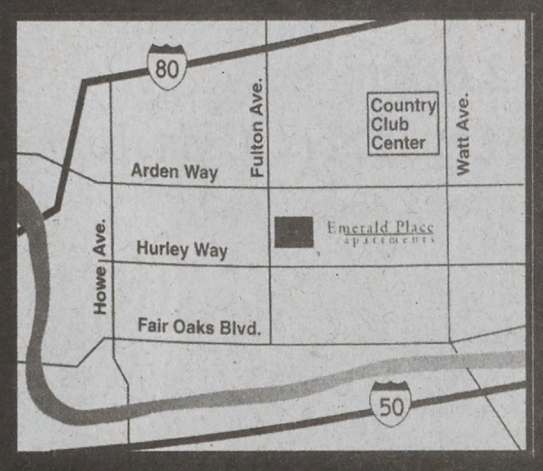
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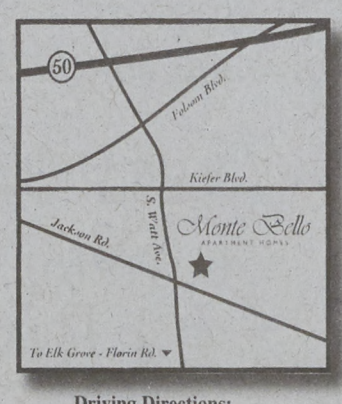
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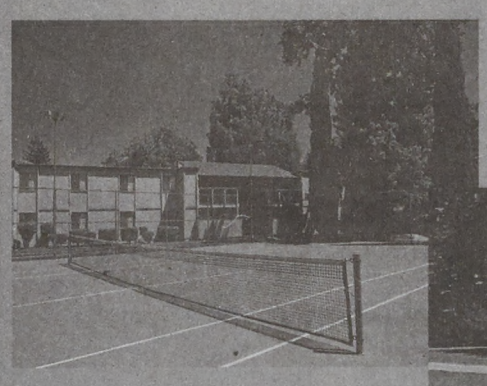
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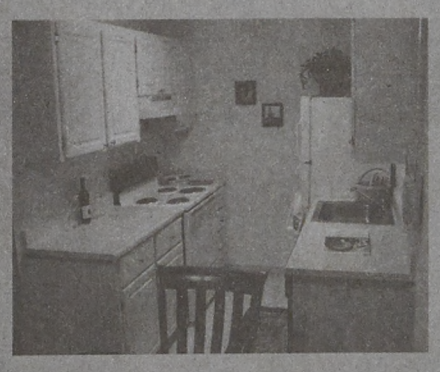
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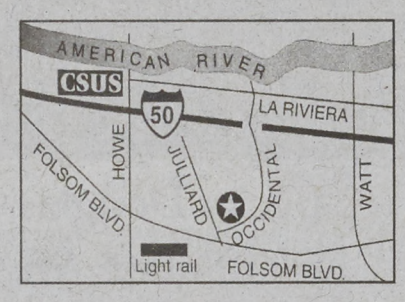
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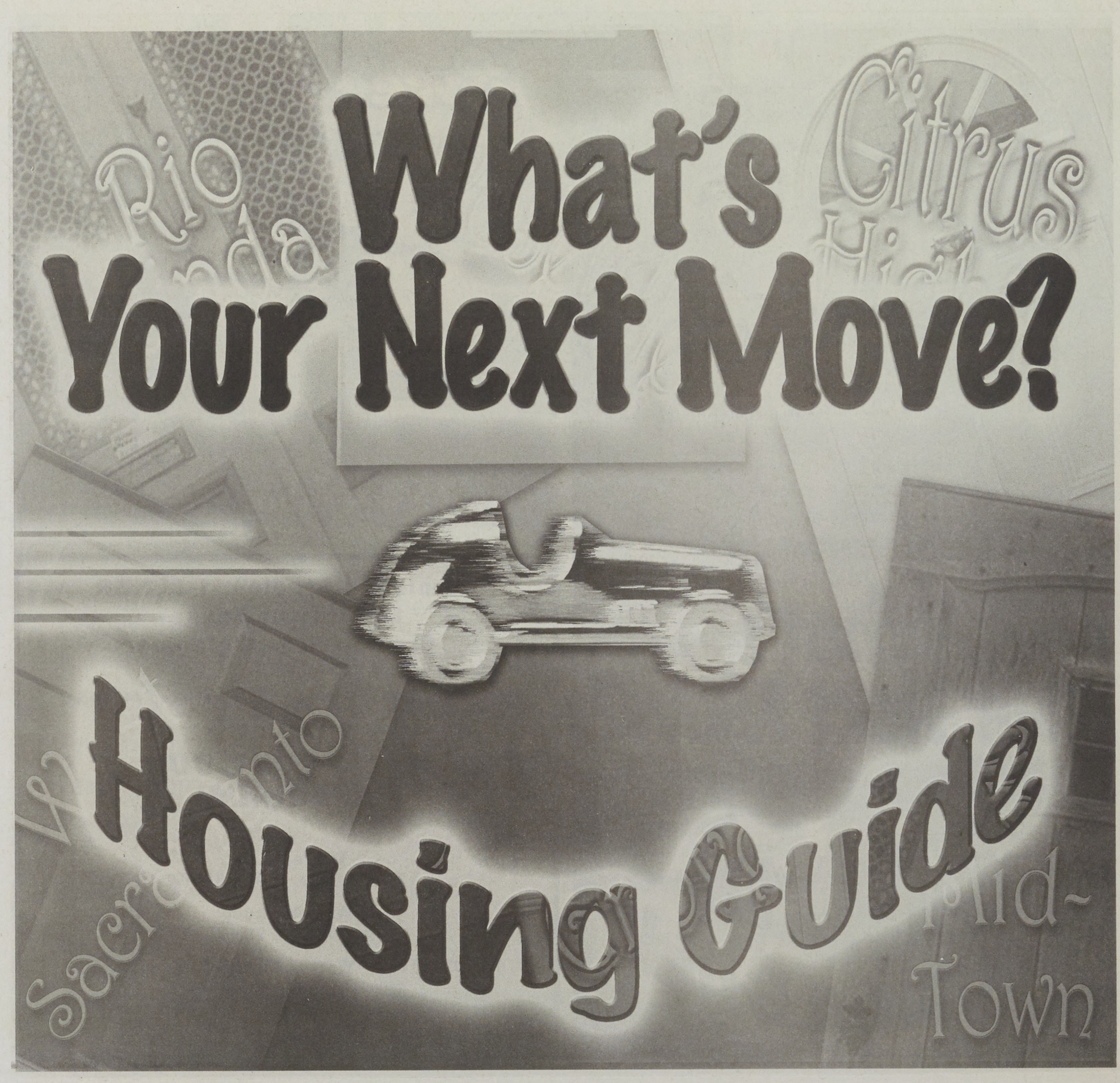


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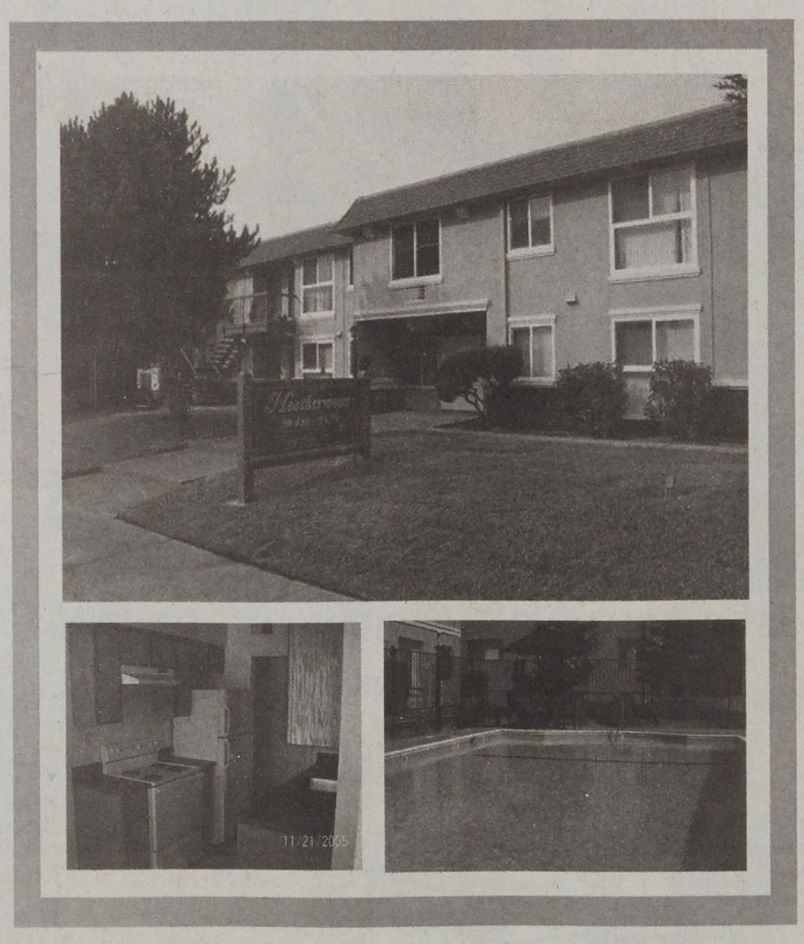


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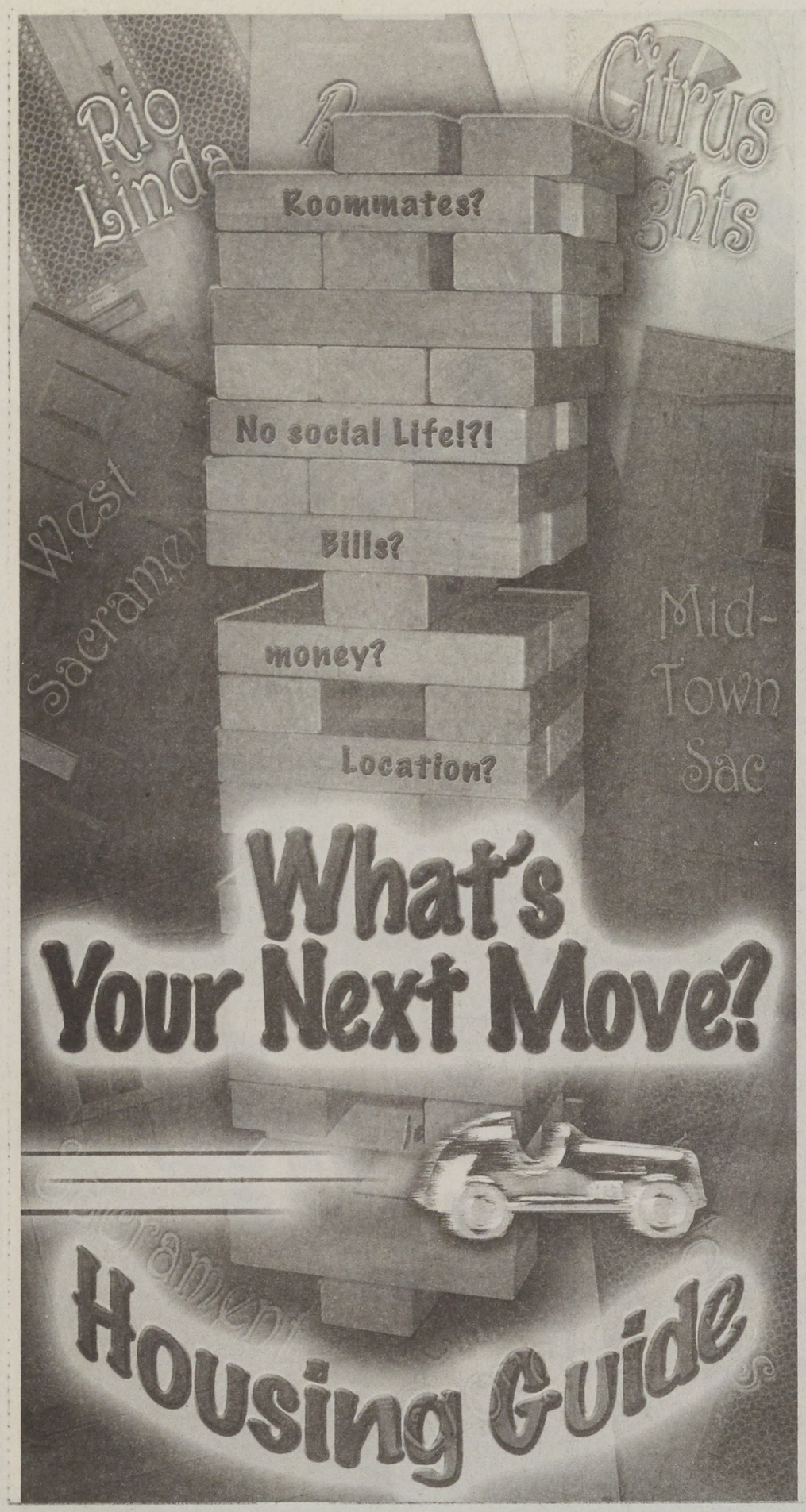
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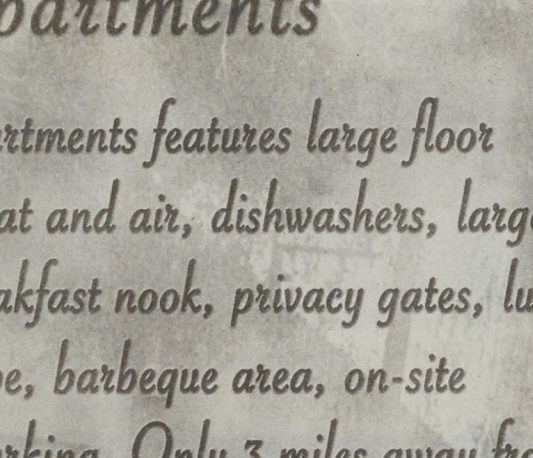
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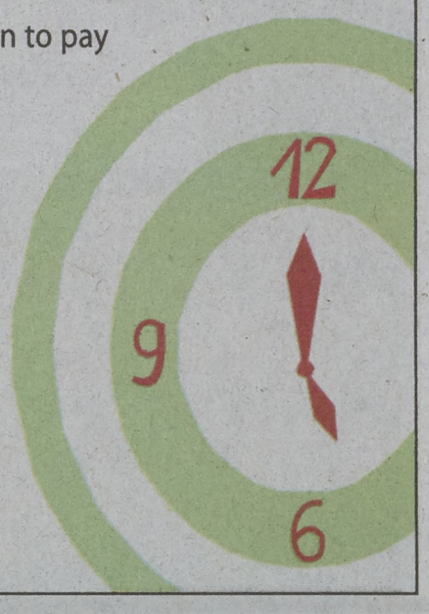
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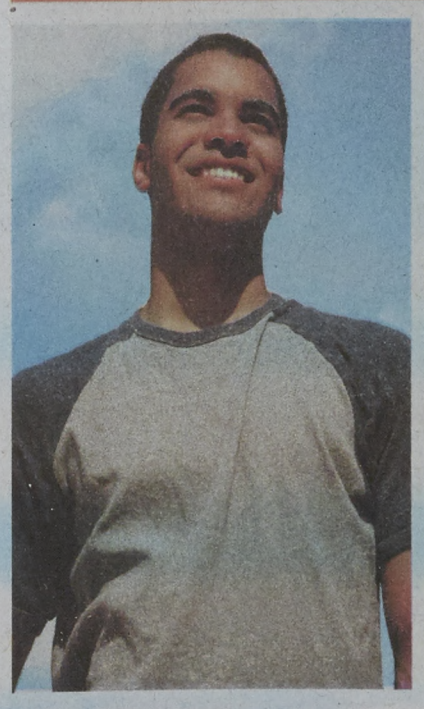


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